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**"BEWARE THE
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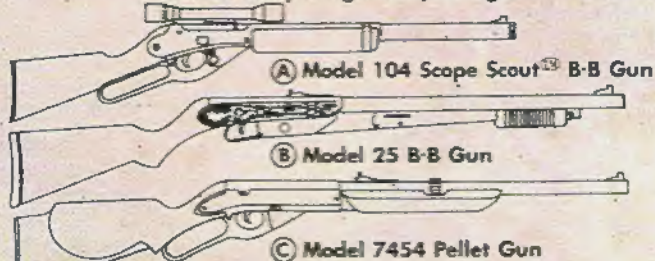
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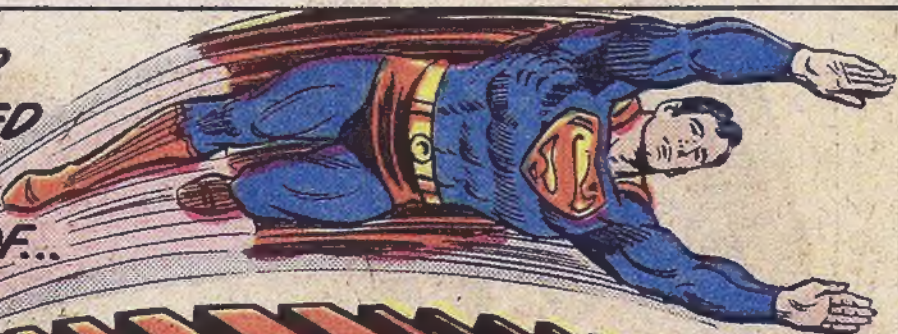
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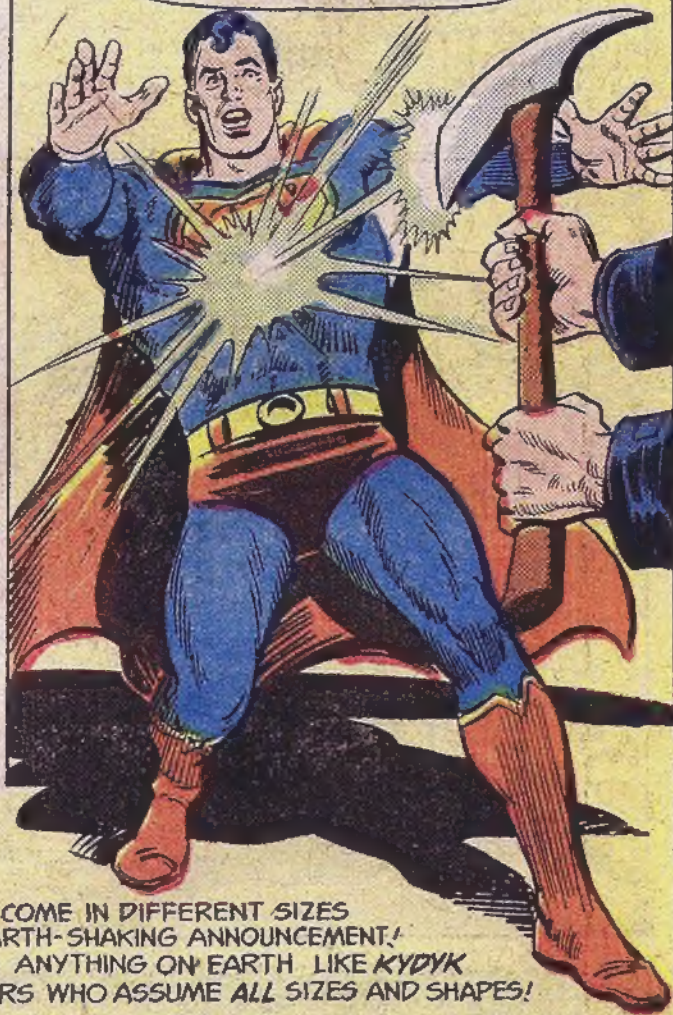
Presenting **ANOTHER**
ACTION-CRAMMED
 EPISODE IN THE
 AMAZING CAREER OF...



SUPERMAN

IF WE DON'T
 KILL YOU AS
 CLARK KENT--

-- WE'LL SURELY FINISH
 YOU OFF IN YOUR REAL
 IDENTITY OF **SUPERMAN!**



THAT **MURDERERS** COME IN DIFFERENT SIZES
 AND SHAPES IS NO EARTH-SHAKING ANNOUNCEMENT!
 BUT YOU'VE **NEVER** SEEN ANYTHING ON EARTH LIKE **KYDYK**
 AND **ZOYOZ**, THE ALIEN KILLERS WHO ASSUME ALL SIZES AND SHAPES!

SUPER-HEROES THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE KNOW OF THEM... EVEN **FEAR** THEM...
 FOR THEY ARE THE SUPREME MASTERS IN THE ART OF ASSASSINATION!

"BEWARE THE HERO-KILLERS!"

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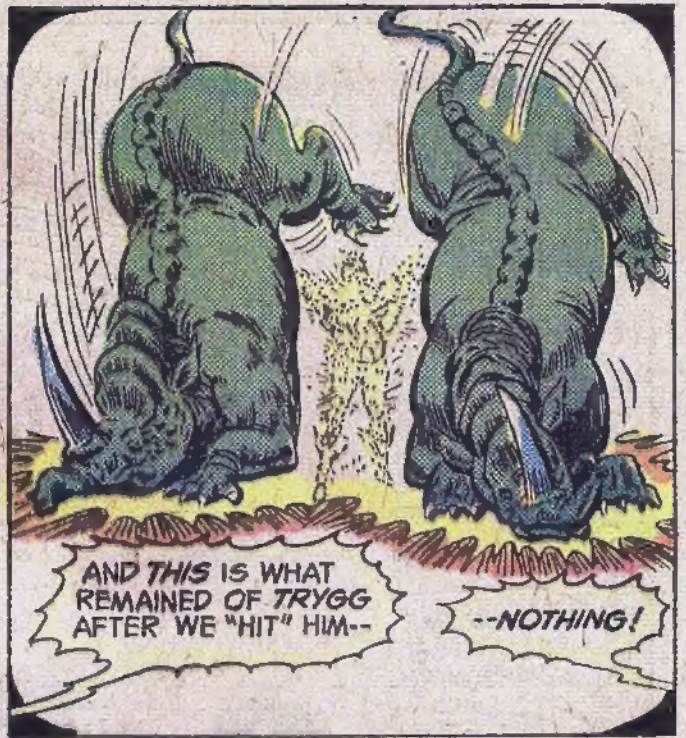
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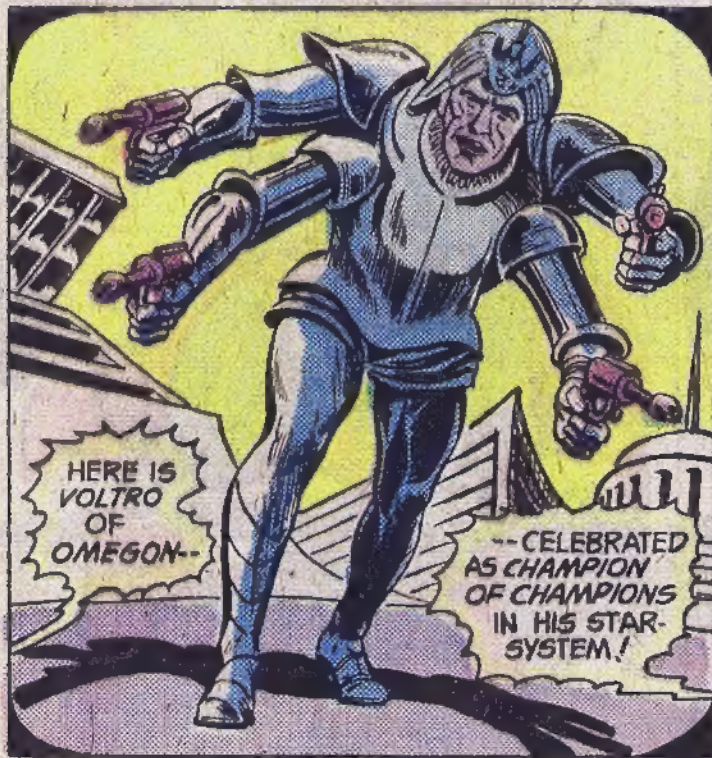
THIS WAS
TRYGG OF THE
PLANET ULTA--
THE MOST POWERFUL
HERO IN THE
ANDROMEDA
GALAXY!

TRYGG THE
INVINCIBLE
THEY CALLED
HIM!



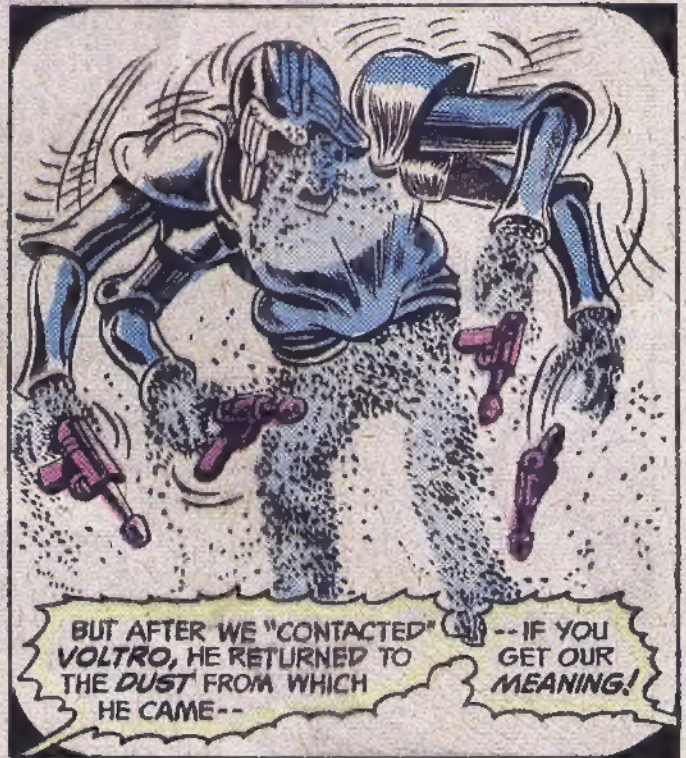
AND THIS IS WHAT
REMAINED OF TRYGG
AFTER WE "HIT" HIM--

--NOTHING!



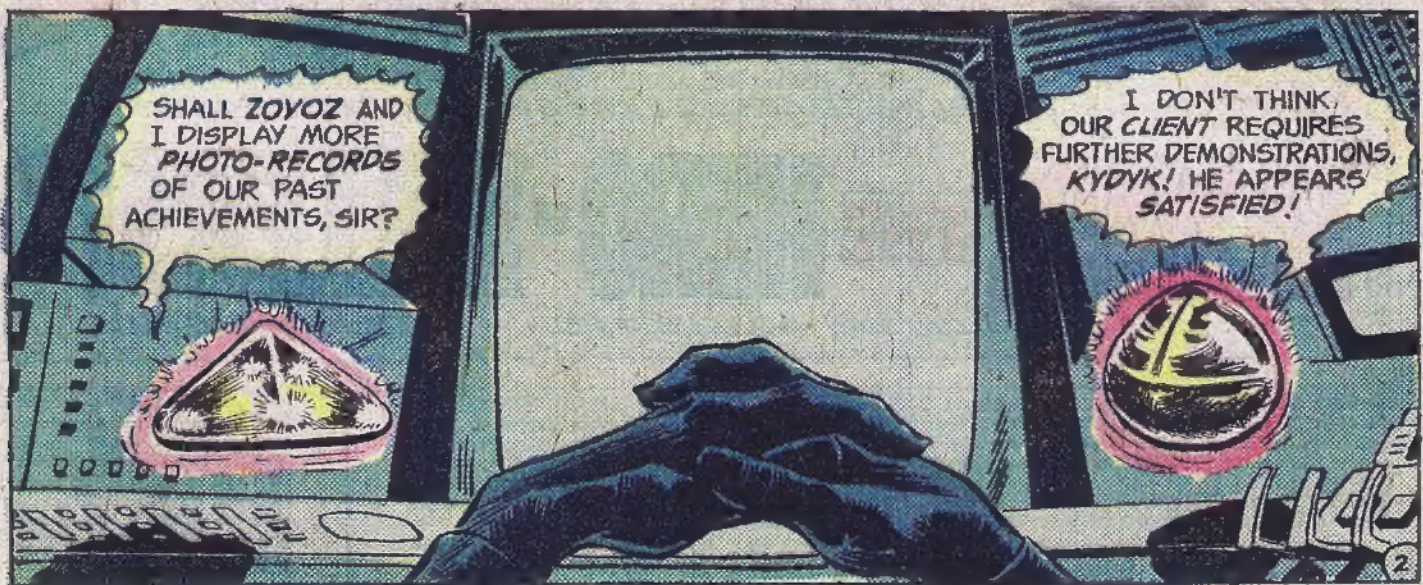
HERE IS
VOLTRO
OF
OMEGON--

--CELEBRATED
AS CHAMPION
OF CHAMPIONS
IN HIS STAR-
SYSTEM!



BUT AFTER WE "CONTACTED"
VOLTRO, HE RETURNED TO
THE DUST FROM WHICH
HE CAME--

--IF YOU
GET OUR
MEANING!



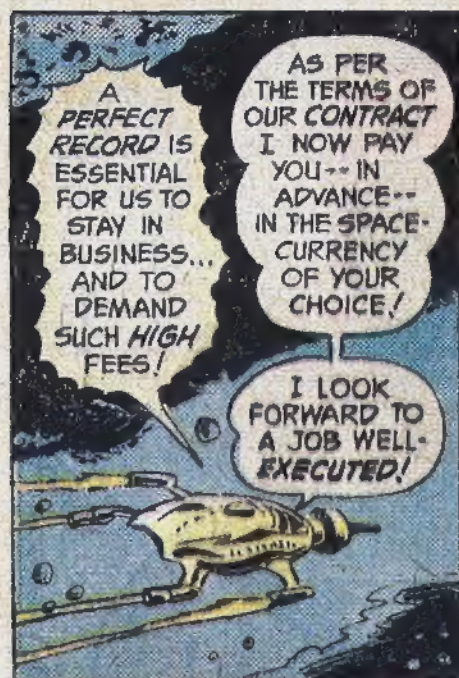
SHALL ZOYOZ AND
I DISPLAY MORE
PHOTO-RECORDS
OF OUR PAST
ACHIEVEMENTS, SIR?

I DON'T THINK,
OUR CLIENT REQUIRES
FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS,
KYDYK! HE APPEARS
SATISFIED!



VERY SATISFIED!
YOUR REPUTATION
IS WELL-EARNED!
EVERY CRIMINAL IN
THIS GALAXY
KNOWS OF KYDYK
AND ZOYOZ--

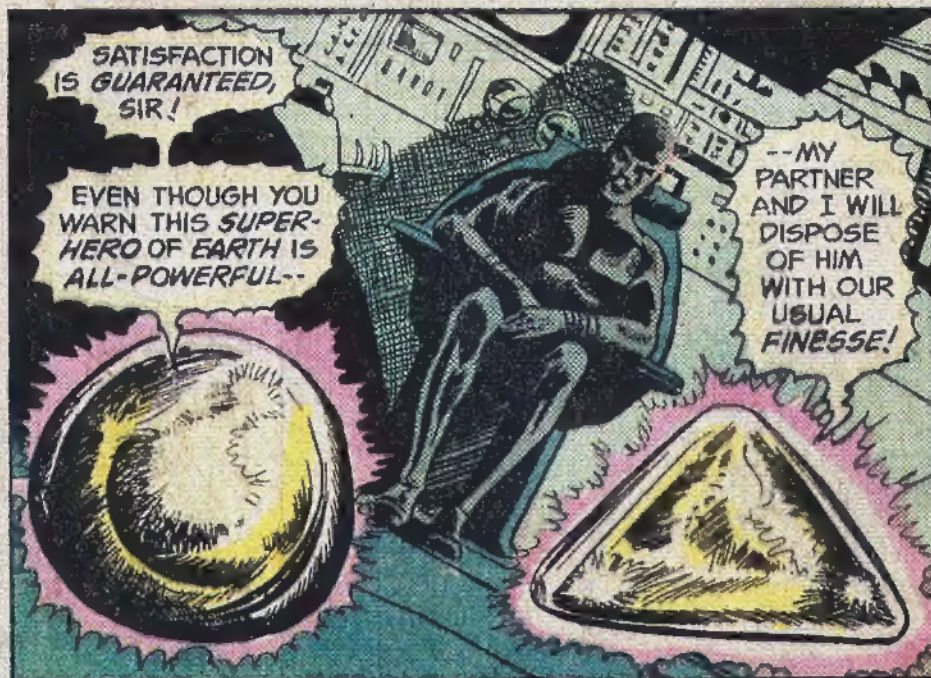
--THE PROFESSIONAL
HERO-KILLERS WHO
ALWAYS FULFILL THEIR
CONTRACTS!



A
PERFECT
RECORD IS
ESSENTIAL
FOR US TO
STAY IN
BUSINESS...
AND TO
DEMAND
SUCH HIGH
FEES!

AS PER
THE TERMS OF
OUR CONTRACT
I NOW PAY
YOU-- IN
ADVANCE--
IN THE SPACE-
CURRENCY
OF YOUR
CHOICE!

I LOOK
FORWARD TO
A JOB WELL-
EXECUTED!



SATISFACTION
IS GUARANTEED,
SIR!

EVEN THOUGH YOU
WARN THIS SUPER-
HERO OF EARTH IS
ALL-POWERFUL--

--MY
PARTNER
AND I WILL
DISPOSE
OF HIM
WITH OUR
USUAL
FINESSE!



I HATE TO TELL
YOU HOW OFTEN
I'VE ATTEMPTED
TO DESTROY MY
ARCH-FOE--

WHERE YOU
FAILED, SIR...
WE SHALL
SUCCEED!



I'LL WAIT
HERE IN MY
SPACECRAFT WHILE
YOU CARRY OUT
OUR CONTRACT!

REMEMBER--
THE ONLY PROOF
I'LL ACCEPT IS
HIS DEAD BODY!

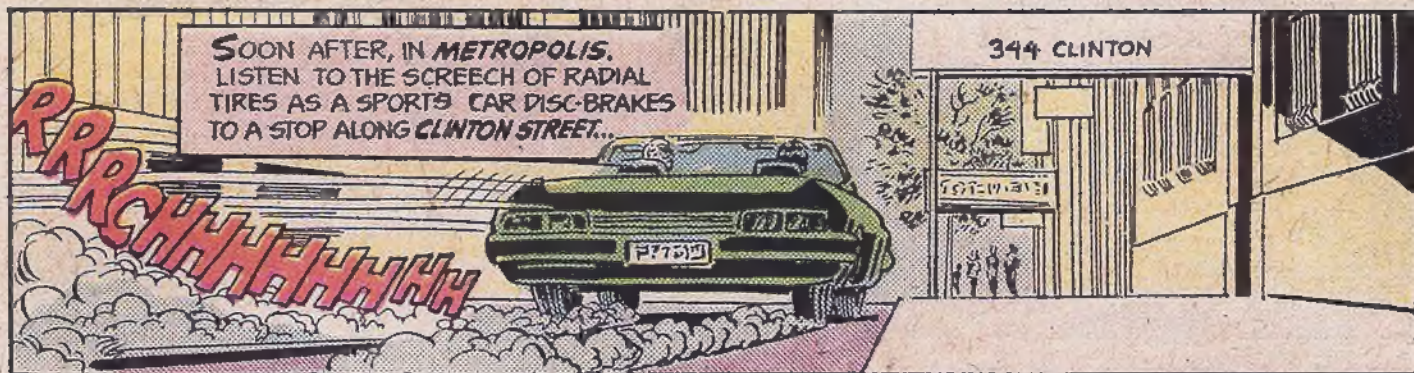


SHORTLY, TWO ENERGY-BEINGS
TELEPORT TO EARTH...

OUR CLIENT
WON'T HAVE TO
WAIT LONG FOR
DELIVERY!

THE DEATH-
TRAP WE
HAVE DEVISED
FOR THIS EARTH-
HERO IS OUR
MOST DIABOLICAL
ONE YET--

--AND
ABSOLUTELY
FOOLPROOF!





STEVE SCOUT

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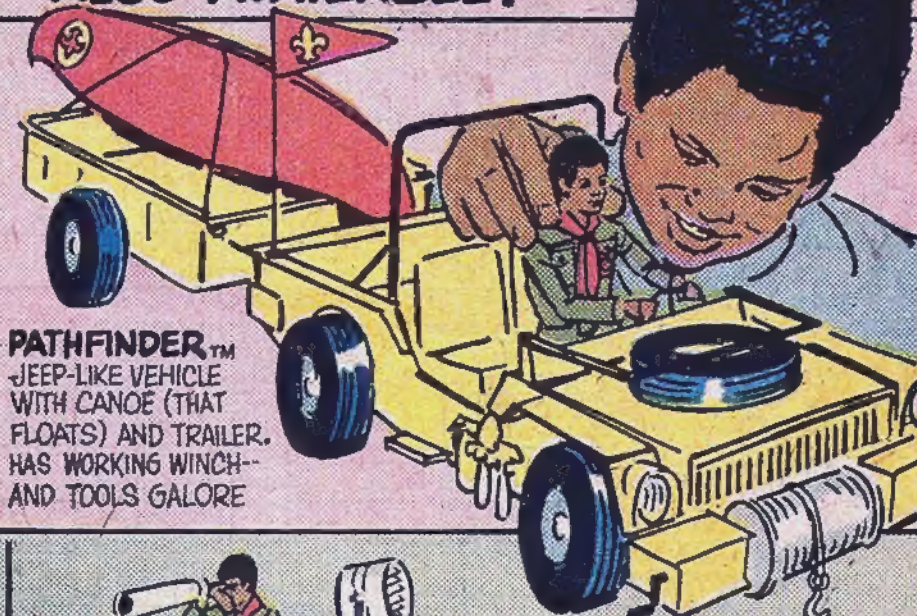
HE KNEELS TO
CHOP WOOD

STANDS TO
SIGNAL

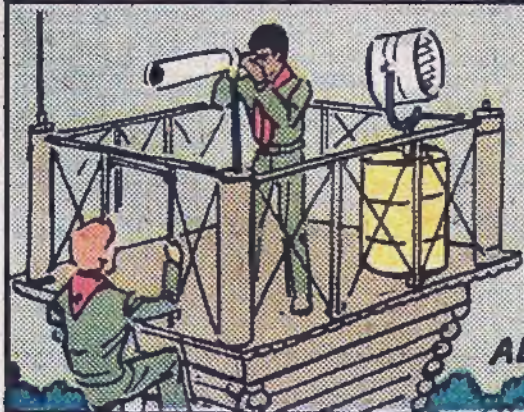
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SALUTES BY
PUSHING HIS
LEFT HAND

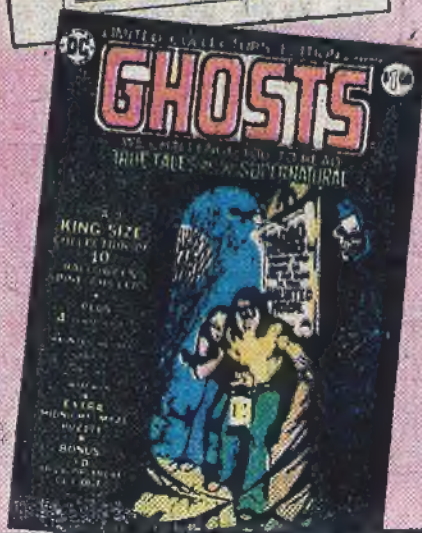
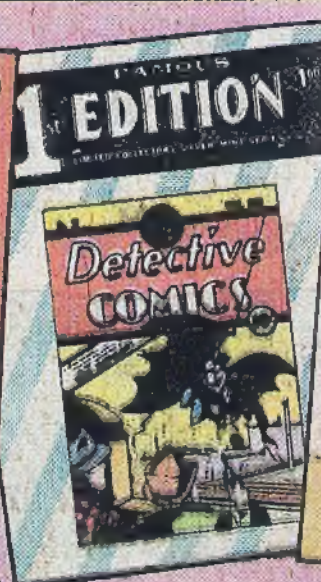
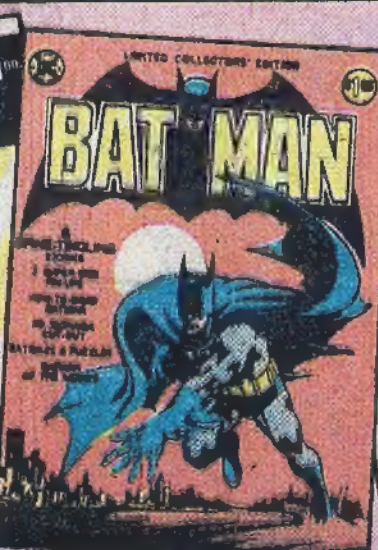


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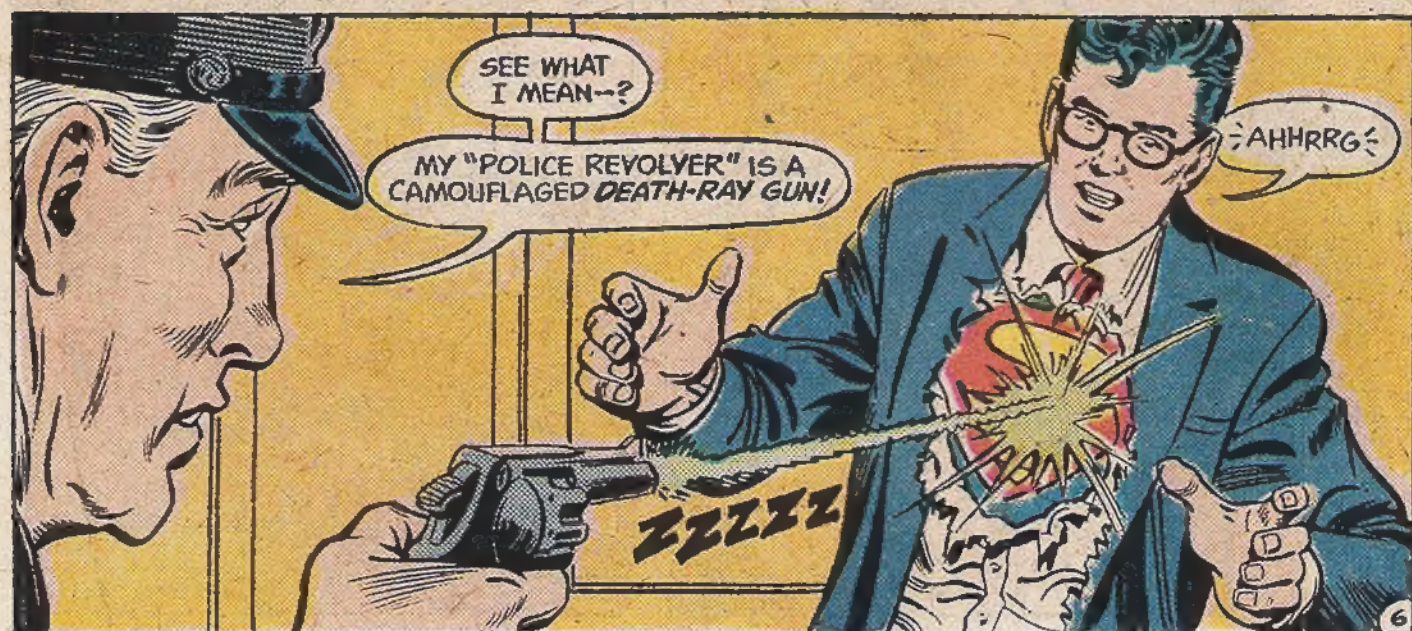
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STUNNED BY THE AWESOME BEAM, THE MAN OF STEEL SINKS TO THE FLOOR, UNAWARE OF THE STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKING PLACE...

AND AS THE ASSASSIN TELEPORTS SKYWARD...

WHILE ON THIRD FLOOR OF 344 CLINTON STREET...

GLAD NO ONE'S AROUND TO SEE ME LIKE THIS!

GOT TO SNEAK INTO MY APARTMENT...

...FOR REST AND RECOVERY...

THUS ENDS PHASE ONE OF OPERATION EARTH-KILL!

LATER, AFTER THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT HAS DARKENED MOST OF METROPOLIS' BRIGHT LIGHTS...

WENT THROUGH MY PACES! I STILL SEEM TO BE MY SUPER-SELF!

THANK KRYPTON, I'M ALIVE TO GO AFTER MY MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANT!

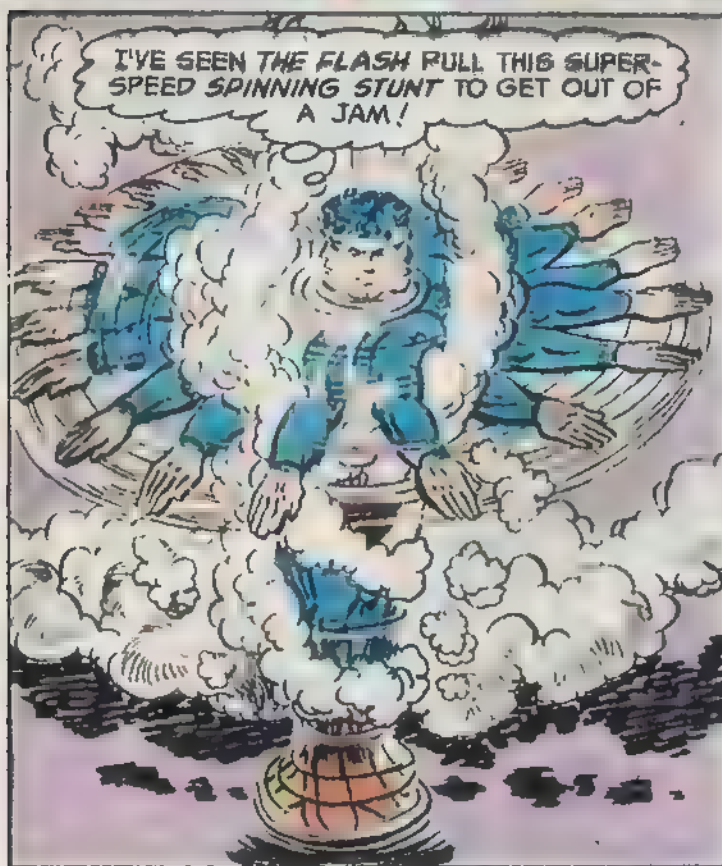
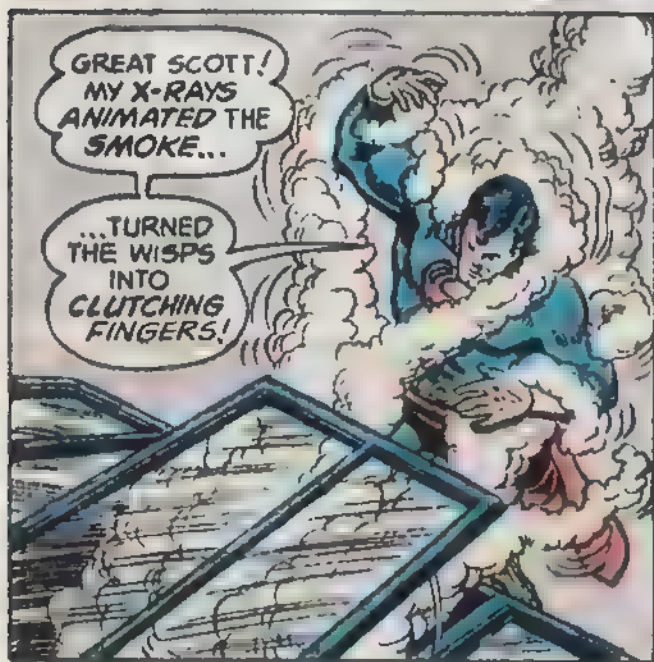
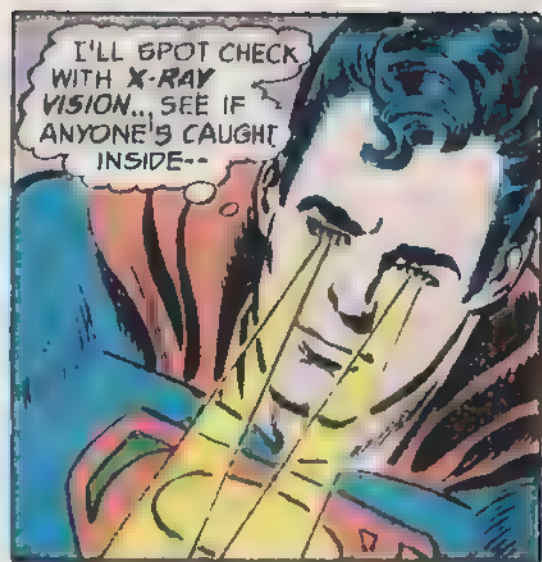
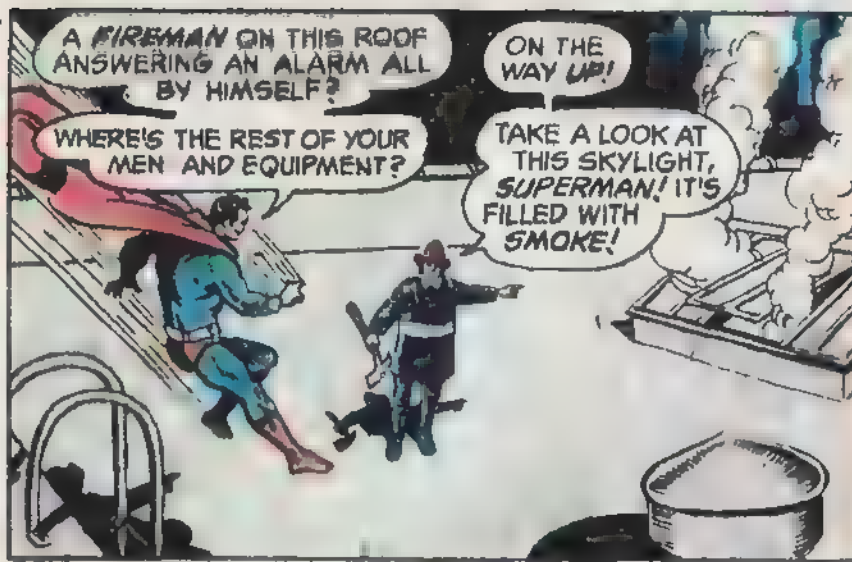
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE INVULNERABILITY OF MY KRYPTONIAN SKIN, I'D BE DEAD BY NOW!

BUT IF THAT'S WHAT MY FOE THINKS, IT'LL GIVE ME THE ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE OVER HIM WHEN NEXT WE MEET!

WONDER WHERE IN METROPOLIS HE CAN BE?

SUPERMAN!-- DOWN HERE!

HURRY--I NEED YOUR HELP!



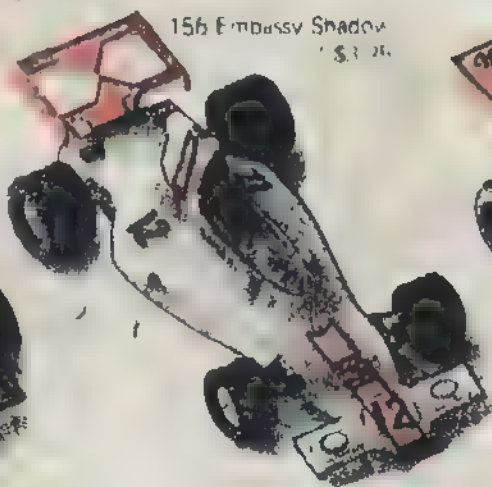
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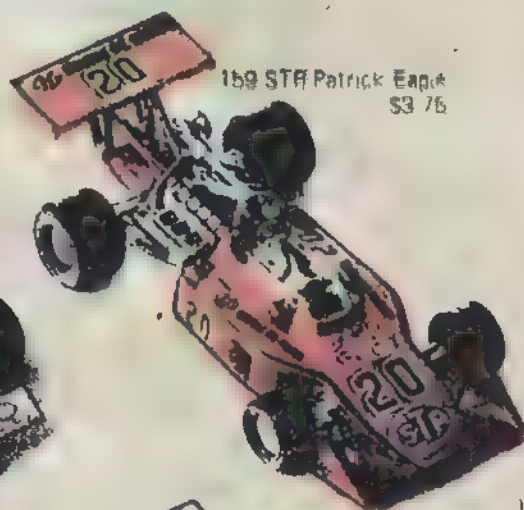
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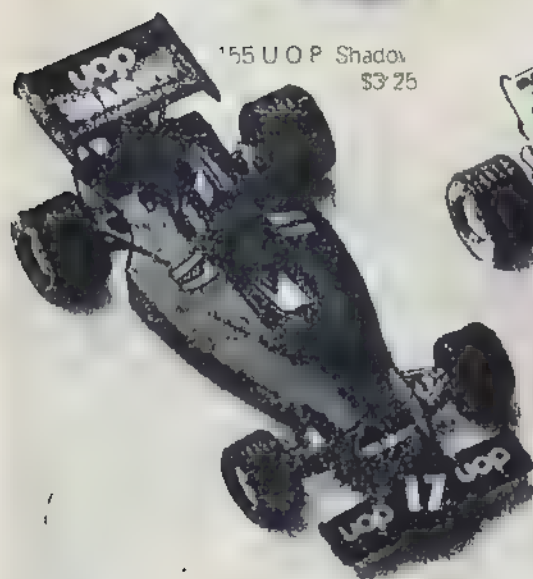
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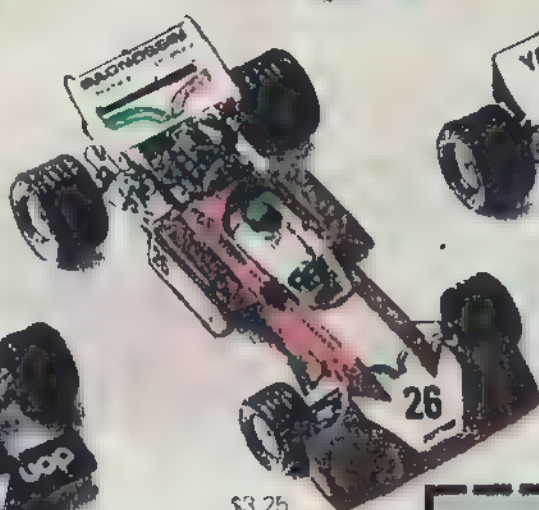
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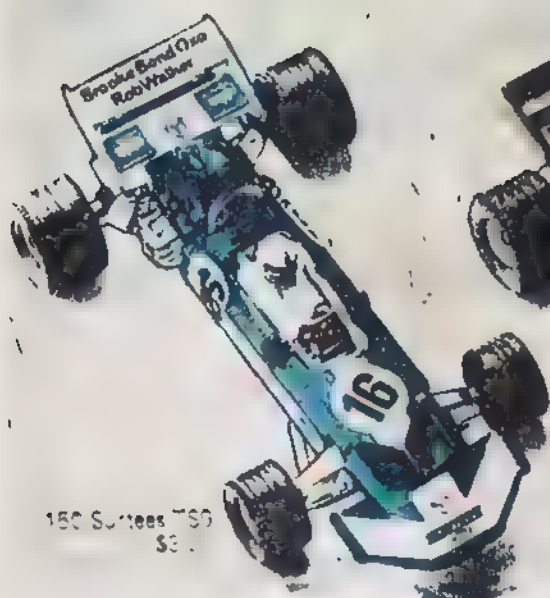
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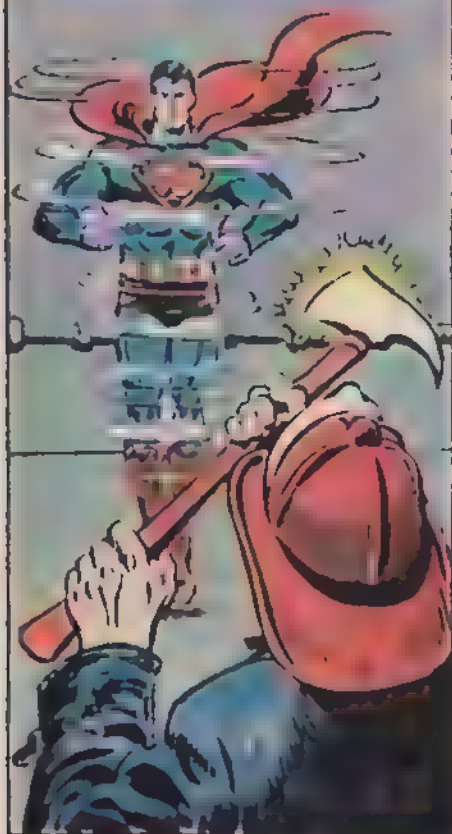
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BUT WHEN THE ACTION
ACE WINDS DOWN FROM
HIS SUPER-SPIN...



THIS IS
THE ONE
FIGHT
YOU'LL
NEVER
WALK
AWAY
FROM,
SUPERMAN--



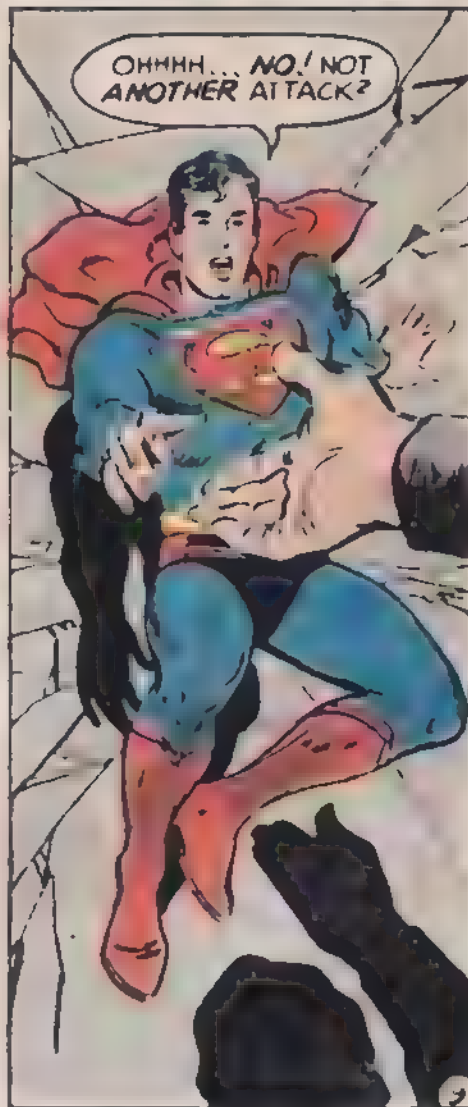
--NO BEING IN THE
COSMOS HAS EVER SURVIVED
TWO MYRA-BLASTS!

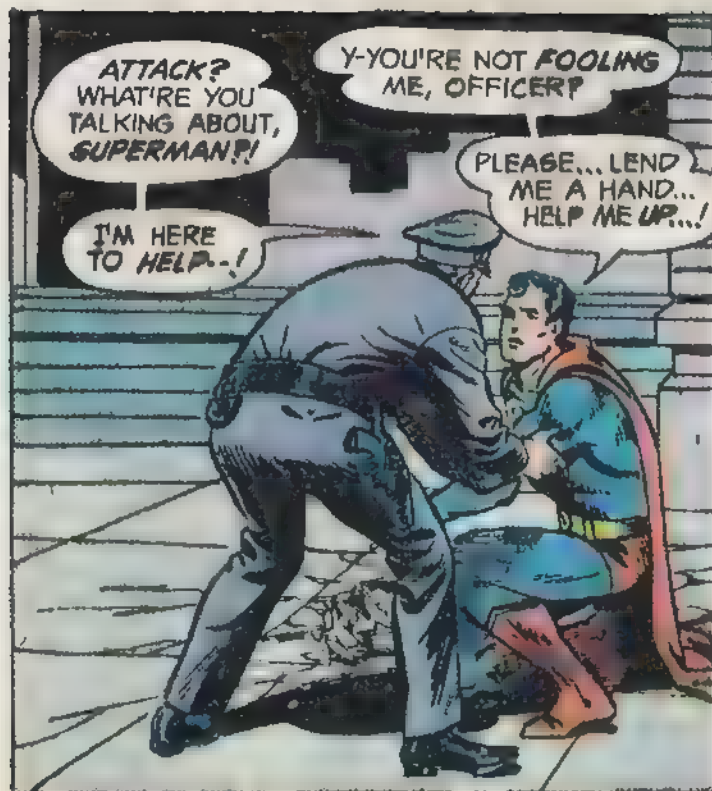


PHASE TWO
OPERATION EARTH-KILL
IS COMPLETED!



OHhhh... NO! NOT
ANOTHER ATTACK?



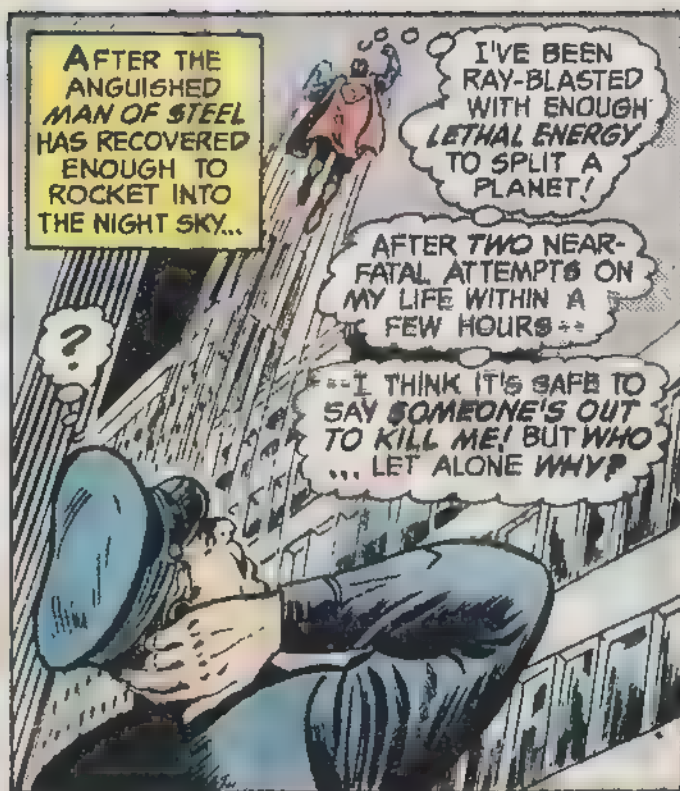


ATTACK?
WHAT'RE YOU
TALKING ABOUT,
SUPERMAN?!

Y-YOU'RE NOT *FOOLING*
ME, OFFICER?

PLEASE... LEND
ME A HAND...
HELP ME UP...!

I'M HERE
TO HELP...!



AFTER THE
ANGUISHED
MAN OF STEEL
HAS RECOVERED
ENOUGH TO
ROCKET INTO
THE NIGHT SKY...

I'VE BEEN
RAY-BLASTED
WITH ENOUGH
LETHAL ENERGY
TO SPLIT A
PLANET!

AFTER TWO NEAR-
FATAL ATTEMPTS ON
MY LIFE WITHIN A
FEW HOURS...

--I THINK IT'S SAFE TO
SAY *SOMEONE'S OUT*
TO KILL ME! BUT WHO
... LET ALONE *WHY?*

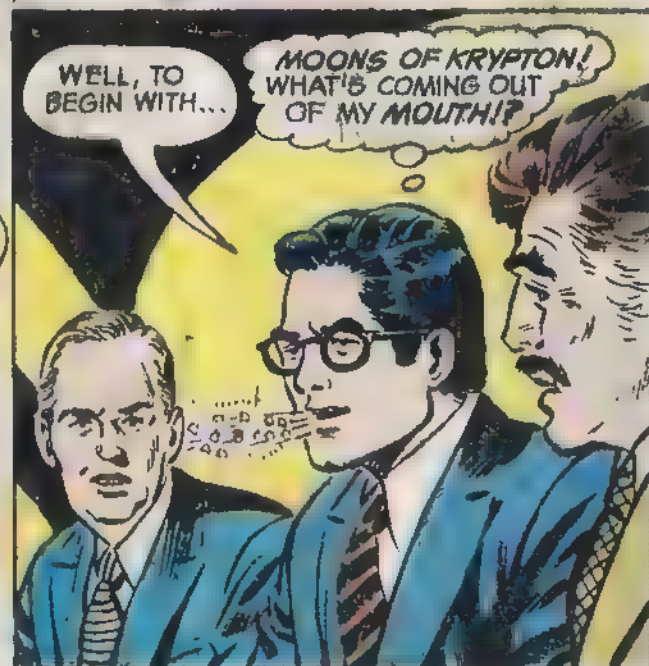


NEXT MORNING AS CLARK APPEARS IN A
VIDEO-TAPING SESSION WITH OTHER NEWSMEN...

...AND THAT'S
WHY I BELIEVE
IN REINSTATING
THE *DEATH*
PENALTY!

THANK
YOU, MR.
LEVERIDE!

AND FOR THE
OPPOSING
VIEWPOINT,
LET'S HEAR FROM
CLARK KENT!



WELL, TO
BEGIN WITH...

MOONS OF KRYPTON!
WHAT'S COMING OUT
OF MY MOUTH?



I'M SORRY, GENTLEMEN
-- BUT I...

REALLY, KENT--
THIS IS HARDLY
THE TIME OR
PLACE FOR
PARTY TRICKS!



STOP THE
TAPE!

MR. KENT--I
DEMAND AN
EXPLANATION--!



HUH?
WHERE DID
HE GO?

SCOOTED OUT
OF THE STUDIO!
NEVER SAW
ANYONE IN SUCH
A HURRY!

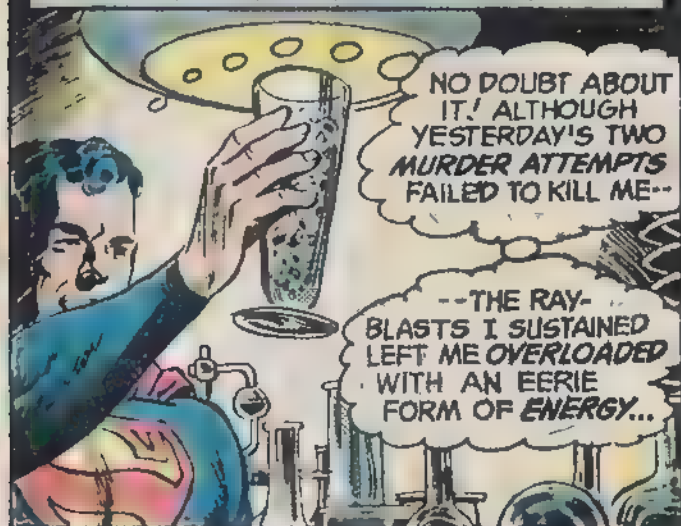
YOU'D RUN,
TOO, IF YOU
MADE SUCH
A FOOL OF
YOURSELF!

BUT IF THE NEWSMEN COULD ZOOM
IN ON THEIR COLLEAGUE NOW--
THEY'D SEE A STREAK OF RED AND
BLUE OVER THE ARCTIC WASTELANDS...

THERE'S GOT TO BE
AN ANSWER TO THIS
"TWINKLING TONGUE"
MYSTERY...

... AND
HOPEFULLY, THE
INSTRUMENTS IN
MY FORTRESS OF
SOLITUDE WILL
SUPPLY IT!

INSIDE HIS VAST CITADEL, AFTER SUPERMAN
HAS RUN EXHAUSTIVE SCIENTIFIC TESTS ON
THE STRANGE TWINKLES...



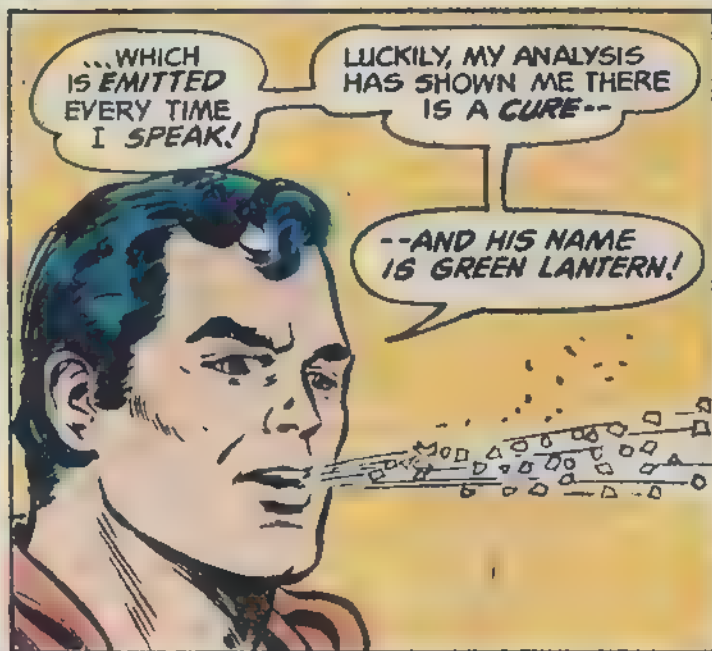
NO DOUBT ABOUT
IT! ALTHOUGH
YESTERDAY'S TWO
MURDER ATTEMPTS
FAILED TO KILL ME--

--THE RAY-
BLASTS I SUSTAINED
LEFT ME OVERLOADED
WITH AN EERIE
FORM OF ENERGY...

... WHICH
IS EMITTED
EVERY TIME
I SPEAK!

LUCKILY, MY ANALYSIS
HAS SHOWN ME THERE
IS A CURE--

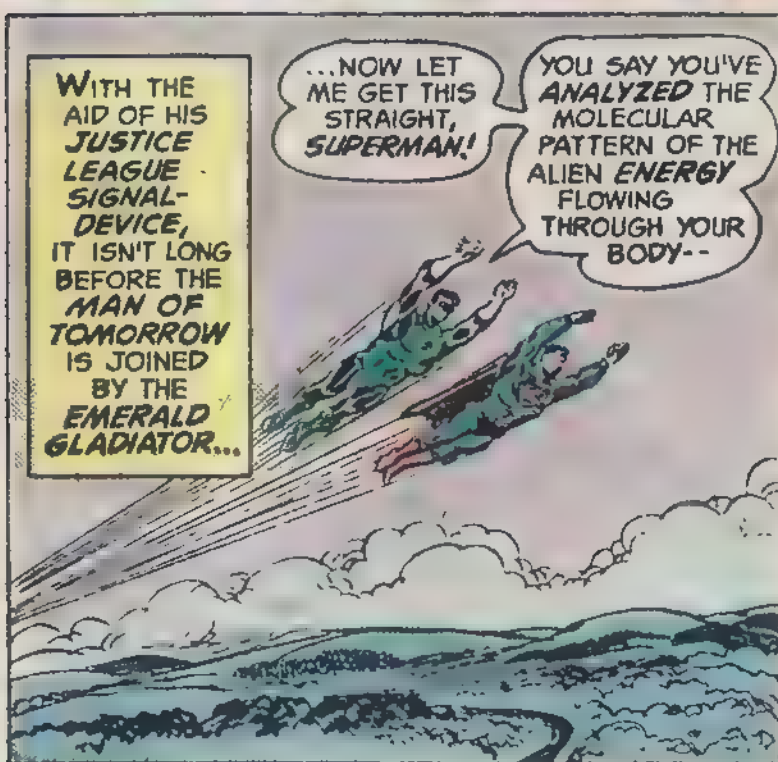
--AND HIS NAME
IS GREEN LANTERN!



WITH THE
AID OF HIS
JUSTICE
LEAGUE
SIGNAL-
DEVICE,
IT ISN'T LONG
BEFORE THE
MAN OF
TOMORROW
IS JOINED
BY THE
EMERALD
GLADIATOR...

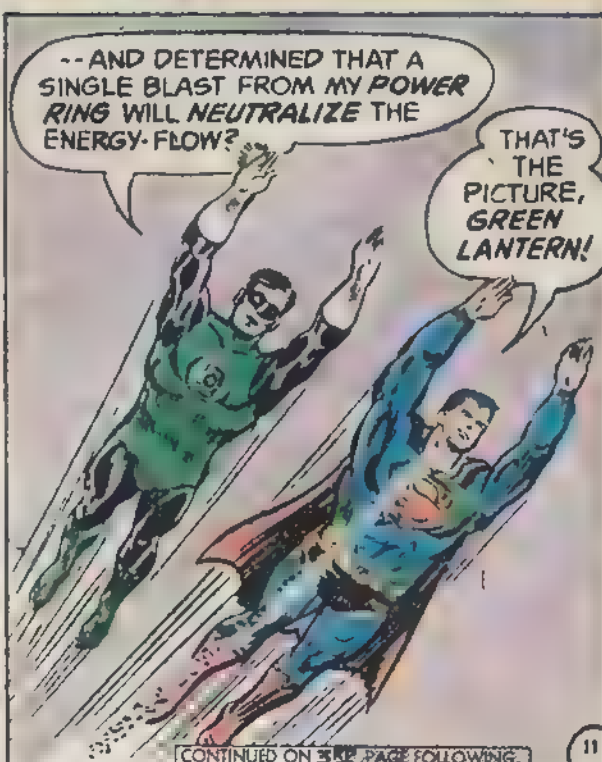
...NOW LET
ME GET THIS
STRAIGHT,
SUPERMAN!

YOU SAY YOU'VE
ANALYZED THE
MOLECULAR
PATTERN OF THE
ALIEN ENERGY
FLOWING
THROUGH YOUR
BODY--

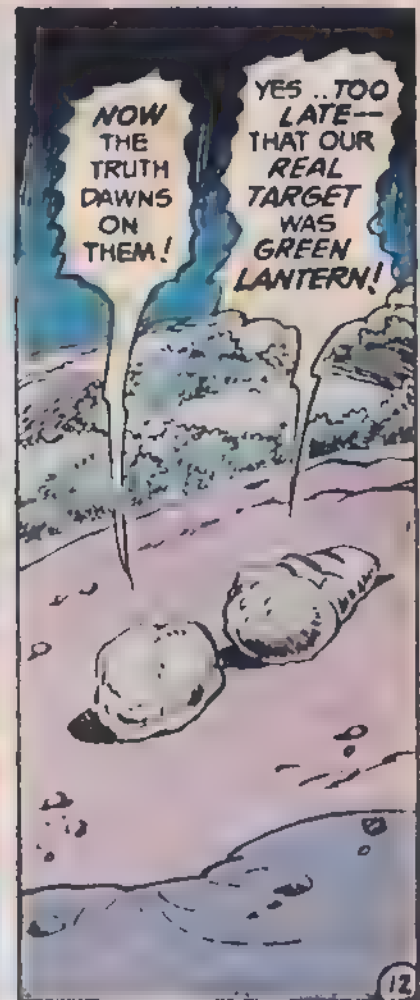
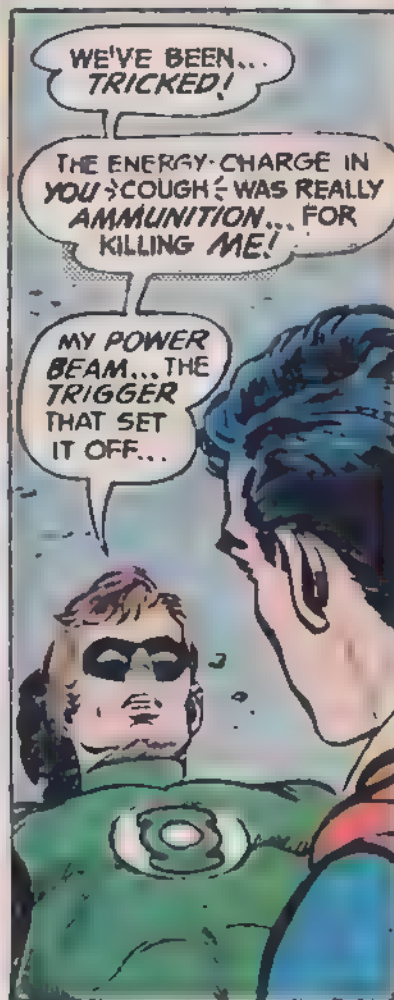
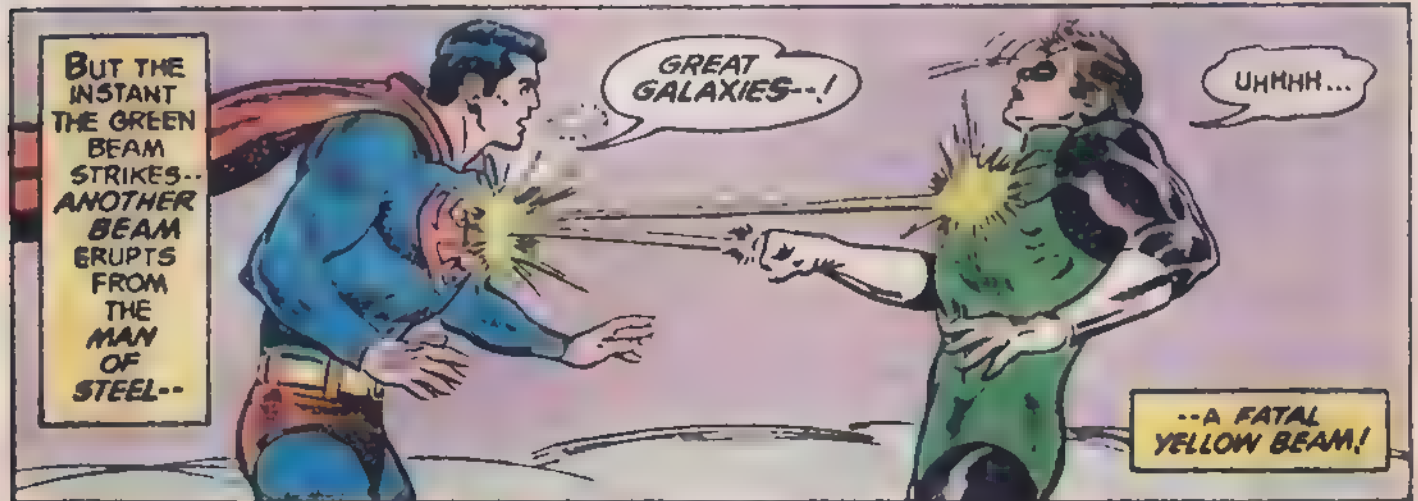
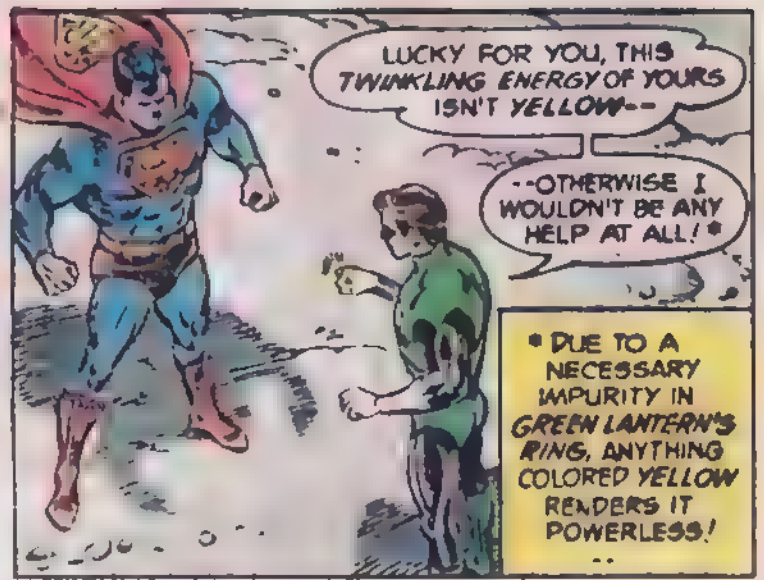
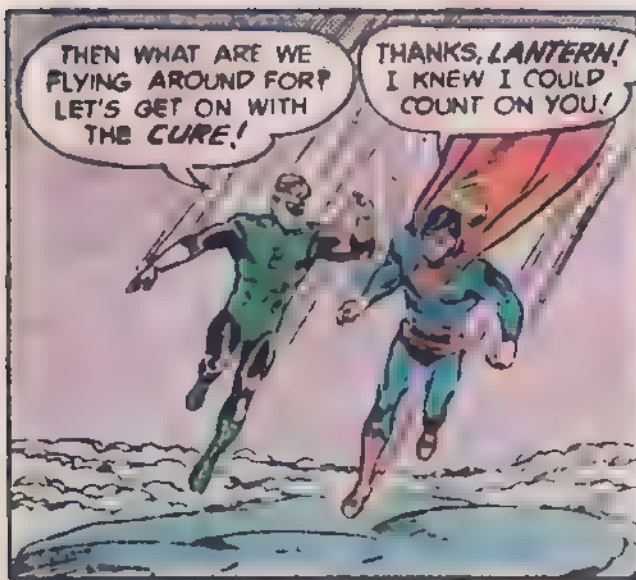


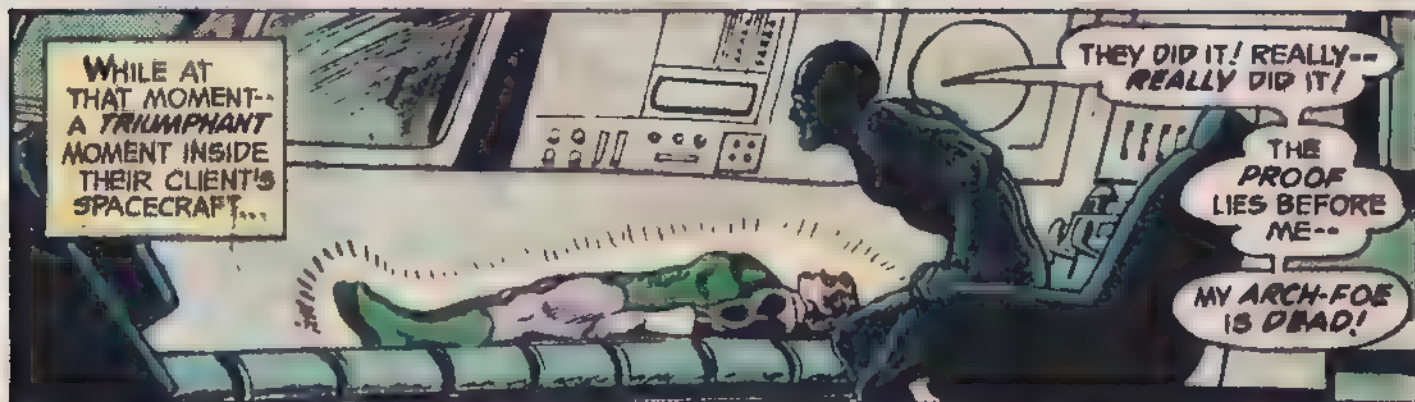
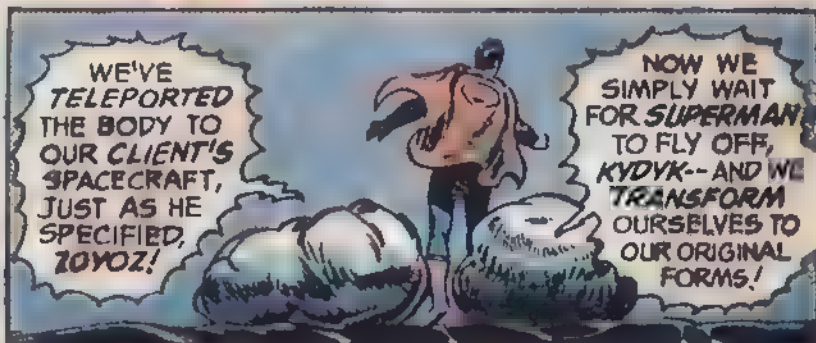
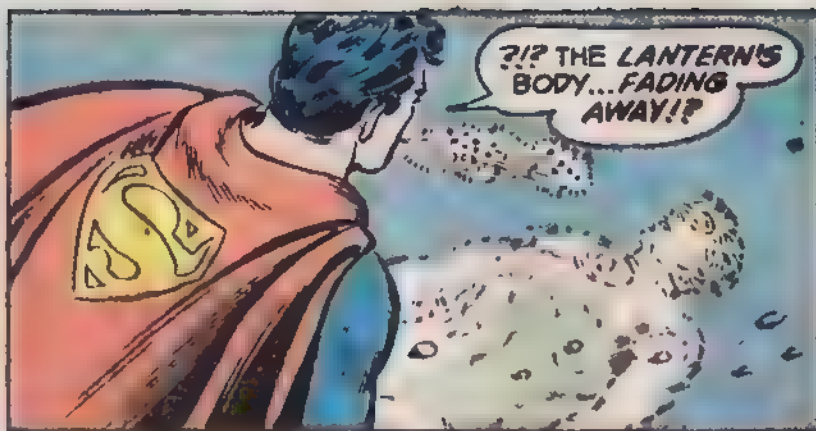
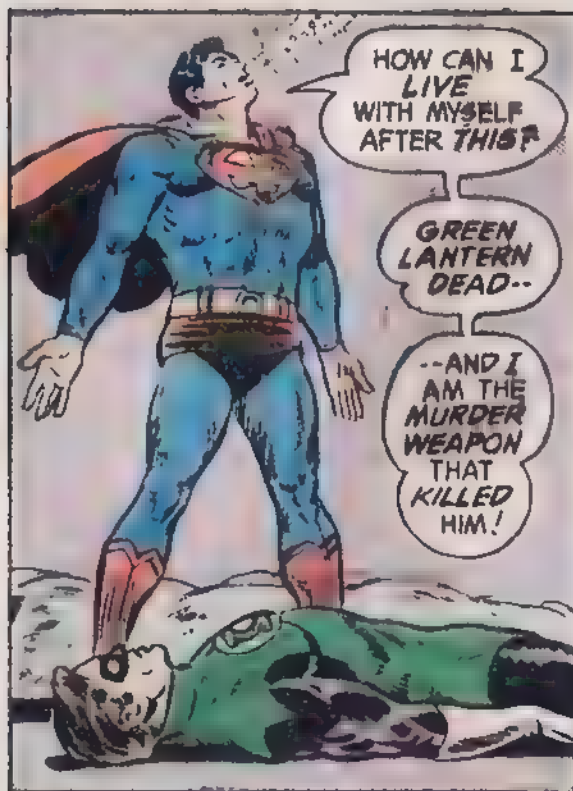
--AND DETERMINED THAT A
SINGLE BLAST FROM MY POWER
RING WILL NEUTRALIZE THE
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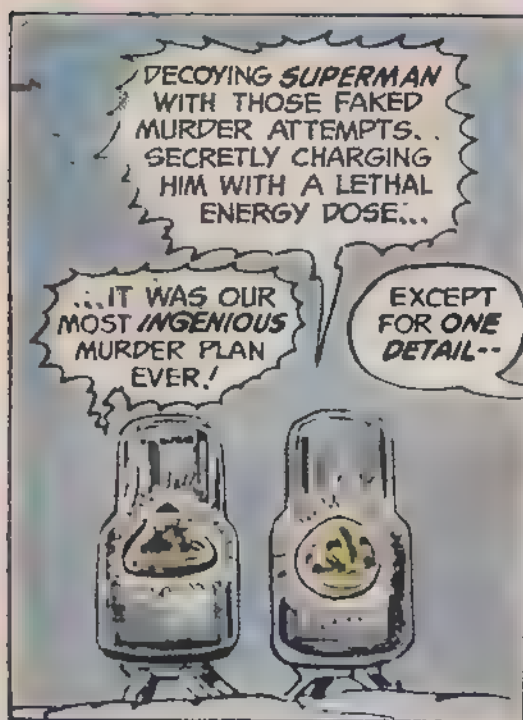
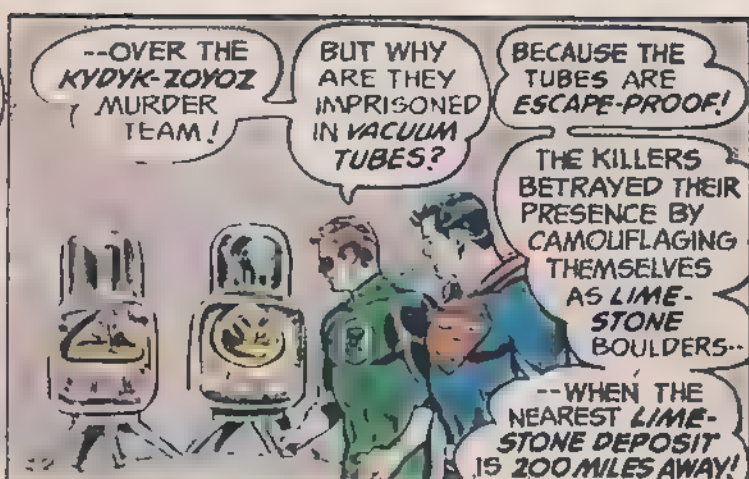
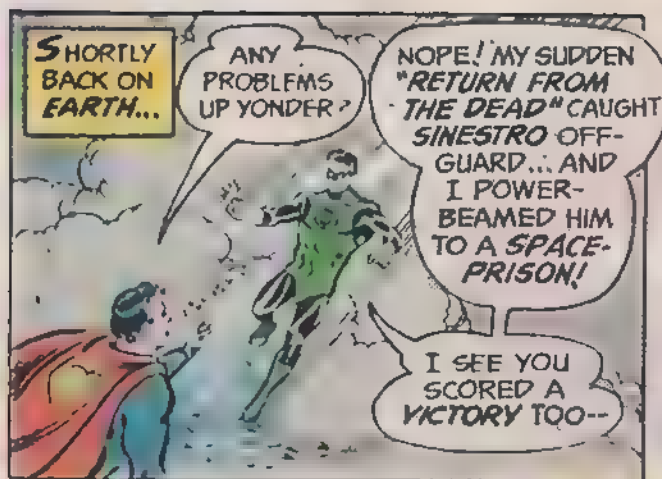
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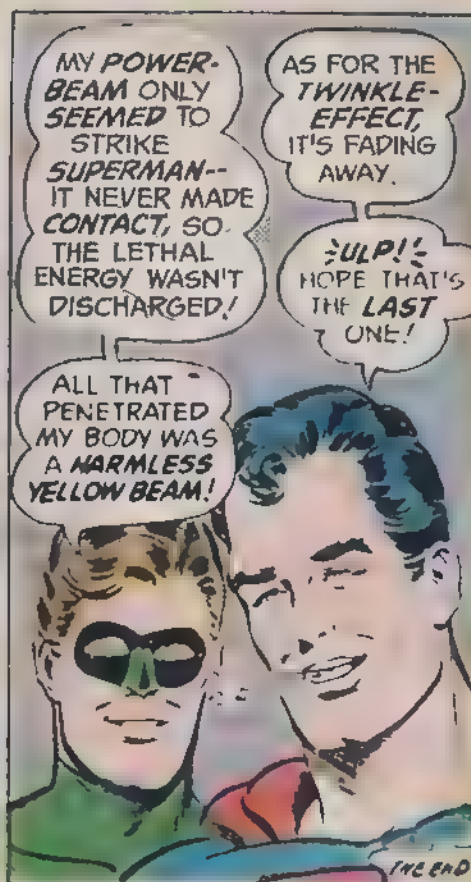
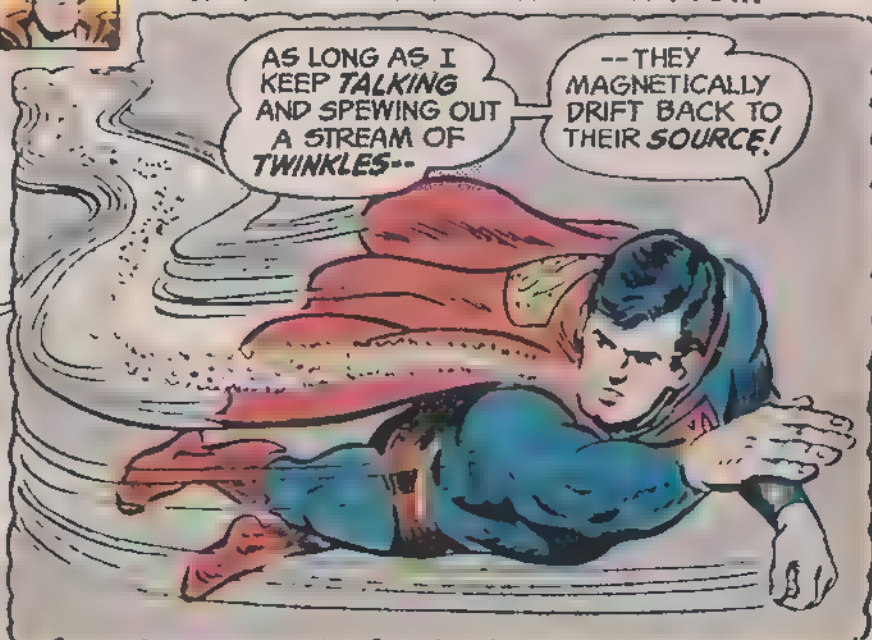
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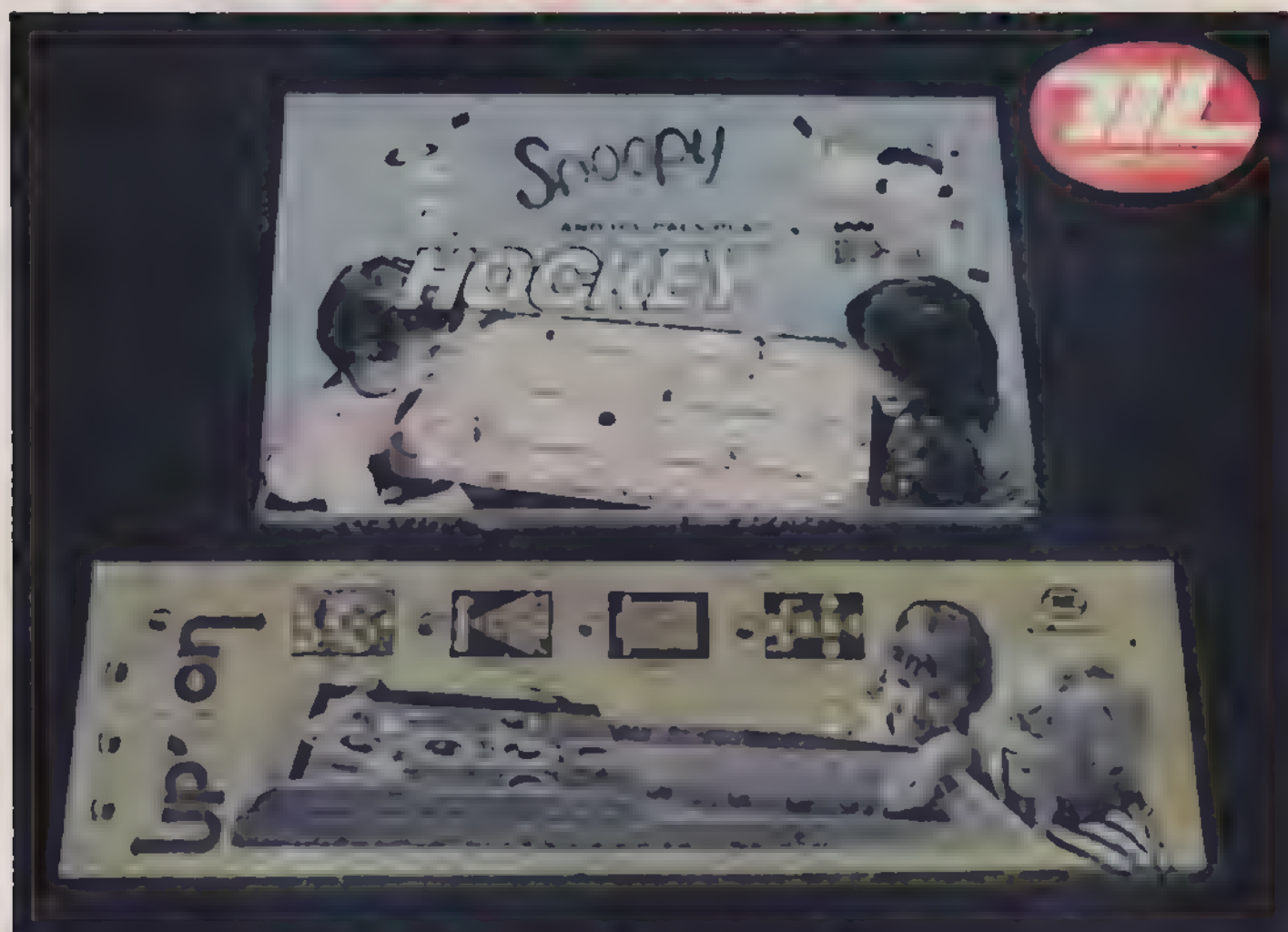
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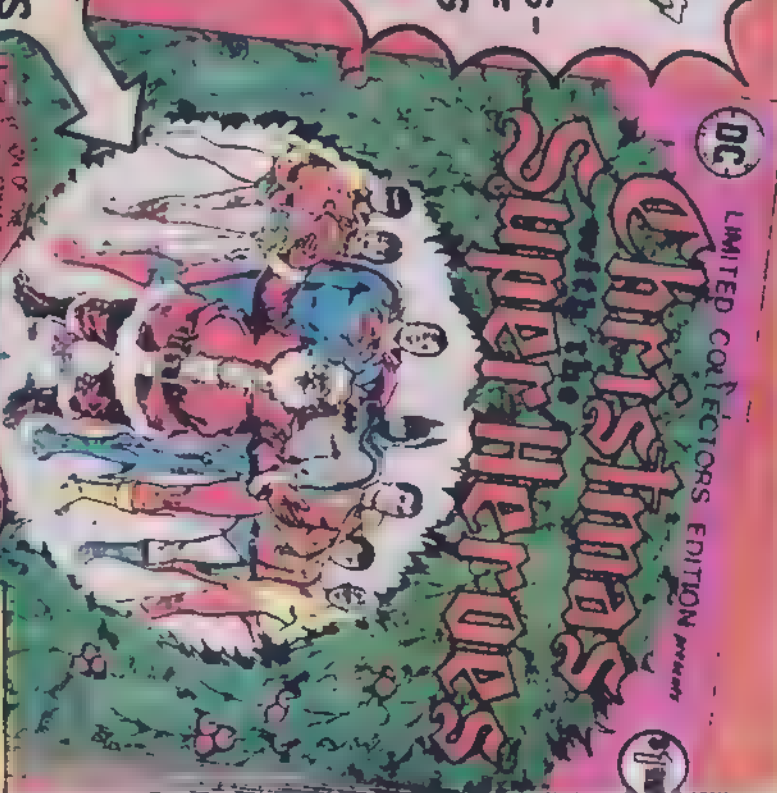
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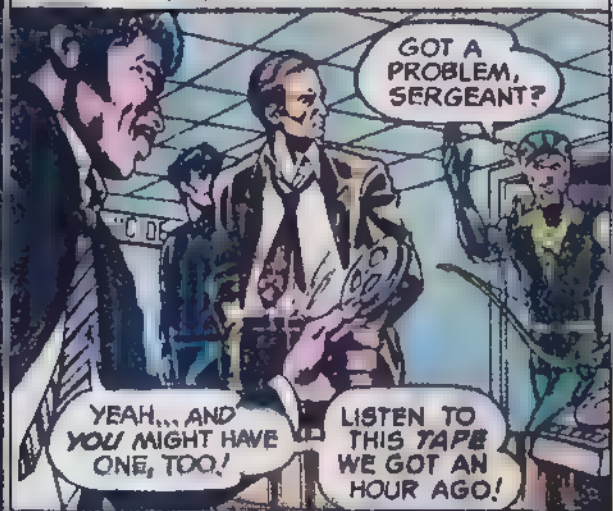
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TELL GREEN ARROW...

"The
**BLACK CANARY
IS DEAD!**"

...AND TELL HIM WE DID IT... *SLOW!*



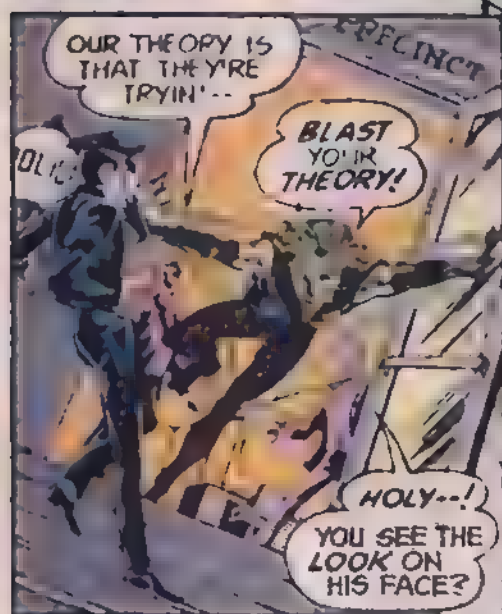


THAT'S WHAT
WE THINK--
MAINLY BECAUSE
THIS LOCK OF
HAIR THAT
CAME WITH
THE TAPE
ISN'T REAL!...



IT'S
FROM A
BLONDE
WIG!

MY
GOD!
HOW
COULD ANYONE
KNOW PRETTY
BIRD'S
BLONDE HAIR IS
FAKE... UNLESS
THEY REALLY
GOT HER!



OUR THEORY IS
THAT THEY'RE
TRYIN'--

BLAST
YOUR
THEORY!

HOLY--!
YOU SEE THE
LOOK ON
HIS FACE?

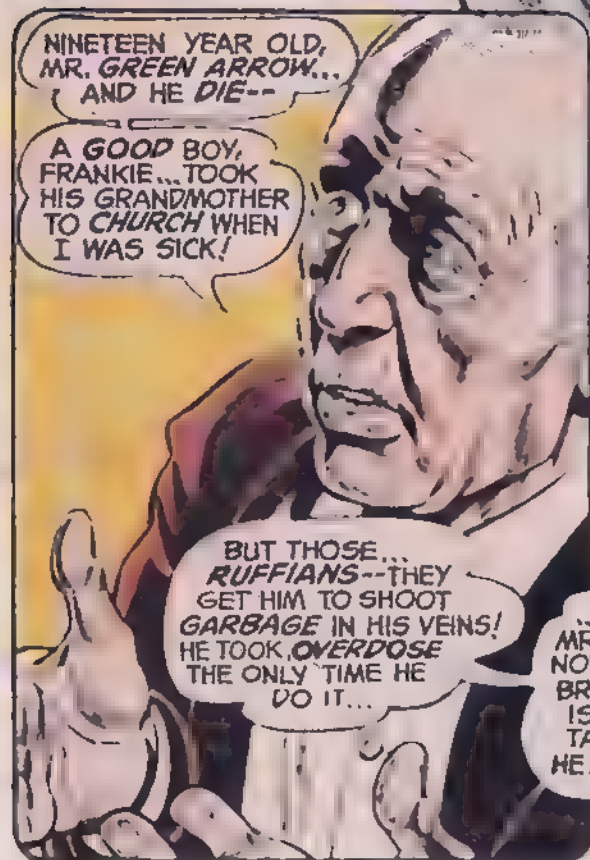


HOW LOW CAN THOSE ANIMALS CRAWL?
AS IF THE FILTHY MESS THAT OLD MAN TOLD
ME ABOUT WEREN'T ENOUGH...

YOU WANTED TO TALK
TO ME, MR. GENETTA?

THEY SAY... YOU ARE
GOOD MAN, MR. GREEN
ARROW... THEY SAY
YOU... CARE!

DID YOU KNOW
MY GRANDSON,
FRANKIE?

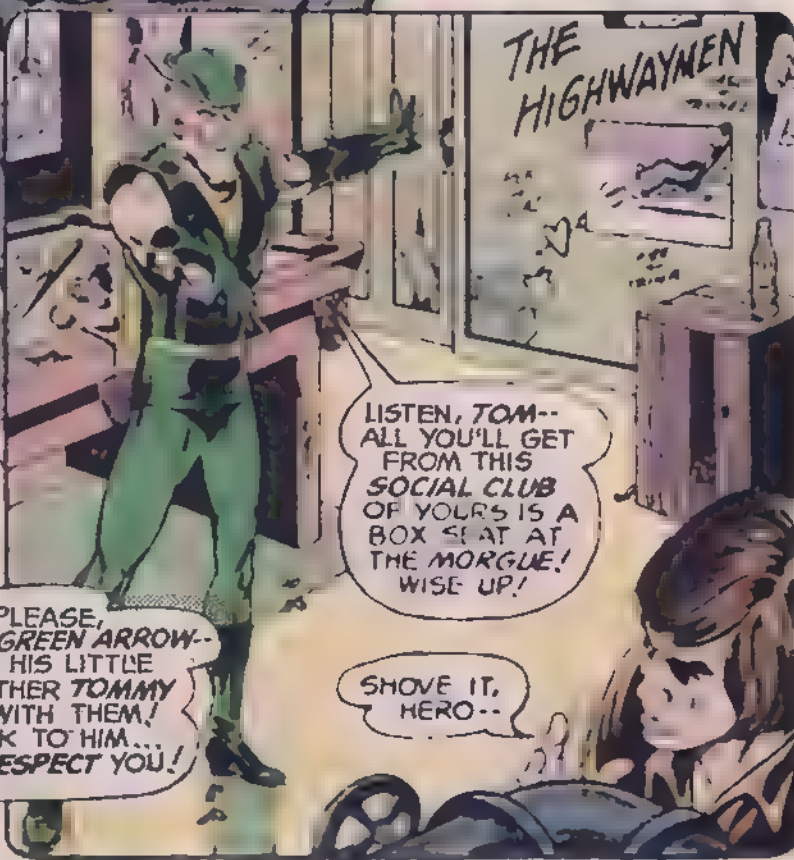


NINETEEN YEAR OLD,
MR. GREEN ARROW...
AND HE DIE--

A GOOD BOY,
FRANKIE... TOOK
HIS GRANDMOTHER
TO CHURCH WHEN
I WAS SICK!

BUT THOSE...
RUFFIANS--THEY
GET HIM TO SHOOT
GARBAGE IN HIS VEINS!
HE TOOK OVERDOSE
THE ONLY TIME HE
DO IT...

PLEASE,
MR. GREEN ARROW--
NOW HIS LITTLE
BROTHER TOMMY
IS WITH THEM!
TALK TO HIM...
HE RESPECT YOU!



THE
HIGHWAYMEN

LISTEN, TOM--
ALL YOU'LL GET
FROM THIS
SOCIAL CLUB
OF YOURS IS A
BOX SEAT AT
THE MORGUE!
WISE UP!

SHOVE IT,
HERO--



YOU OWE YOUR
ACE REP TO THE
FACT THAT YOU
CAN BUST A HOOD'S
HEAD BEFORE THE
COPS CAN!

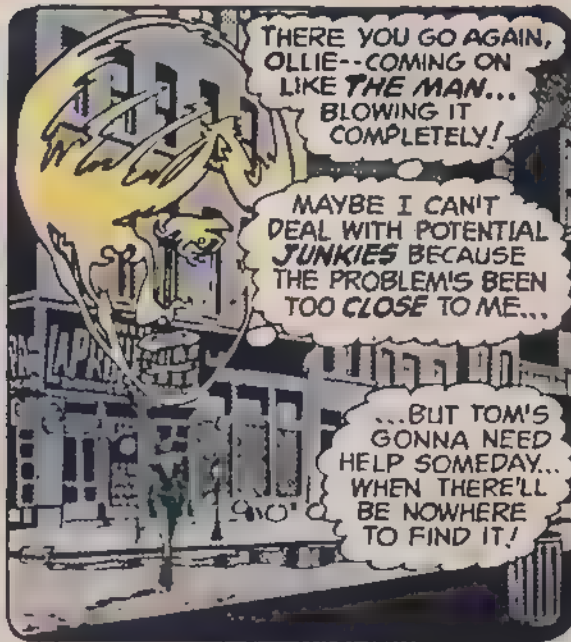
MAX LUCKER STARTED
THIS GANG BACK IN THE
FIFTIES-- AND NOW HE'S
THE SLICKEST SYNDICATE
BOSS IN TOWN!

SO
DON'T GIVE ME
A LINE
ABOUT
MY
FUTURE!



KEEP IT UP, KID--
AND OLD LUCKER
WILL JOIN YOU
AT THE MORGUE...

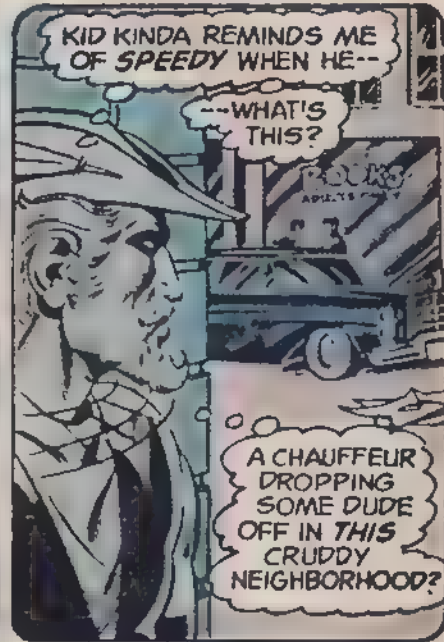
...ONLY HE'LL
GET THERE
WEARING A
CEMENT
OVERCOAT!



THERE YOU GO AGAIN,
OLLIE--COMING ON
LIKE *THE MAN*...
BLOWING IT
COMPLETELY!

MAYBE I CAN'T
DEAL WITH POTENTIAL
JUNKIES BECAUSE
THE PROBLEM'S BEEN
TOO CLOSE TO ME...

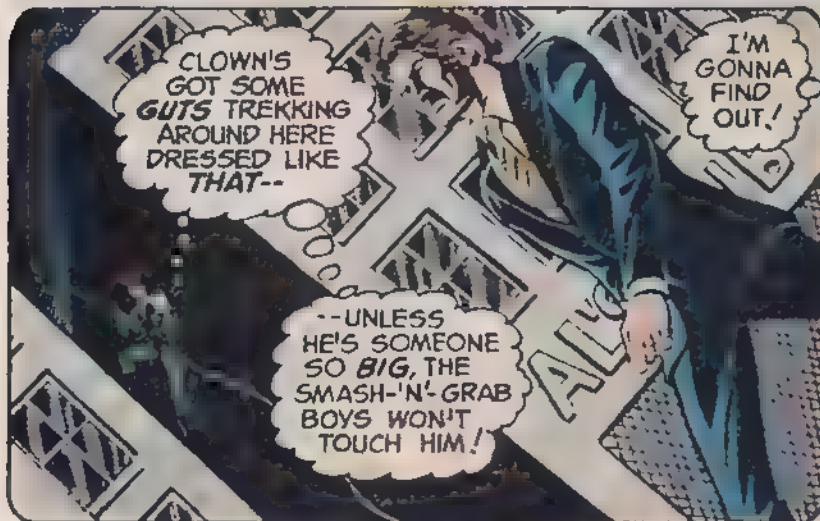
...BUT TOM'S
GONNA NEED
HELP SOMEDAY...
WHEN THERE'LL
BE NOWHERE
TO FIND IT!



KID KINDA REMINDS ME
OF SPEEDY WHEN HE--

...WHAT'S
THIS?

A CHAUFFEUR
DROPPING
SOME DUDE
OFF IN *THIS*
CRUDDY
NEIGHBORHOOD?



CLOWN'S
GOT SOME
GUTS TREKKING
AROUND HERE
DRESSED LIKE
THAT--

--UNLESS
HE'S SOMEONE
SO BIG, THE
SMASH-N'-GRAB
BOYS WON'T
TOUCH HIM!

I'M
GONNA
FIND
OUT!



"I MANAGED
TO STAY WITH
HIM FOR
THE NEXT
SIX BLOCKS..."

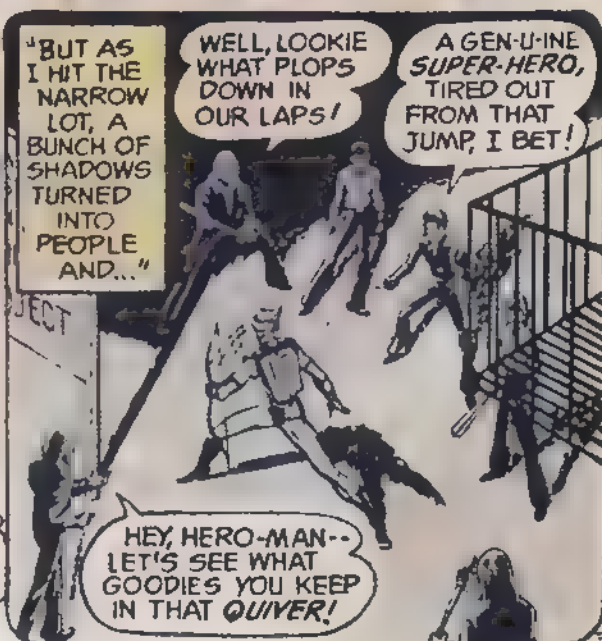


"BUT I HIT A DEAD END--
IN THE SHAPE OF A
VACANT LOT THAT WAS
A BUILDING THE WEEK
BEFORE..."

THANKS A LOT,
URBAN RENAISSANCE!

ONLY THING TO
DO IS FOLLOW
HIM ON THE
GROUND...

...AND
HOPE HE
DOESN'T
SPOT ME!

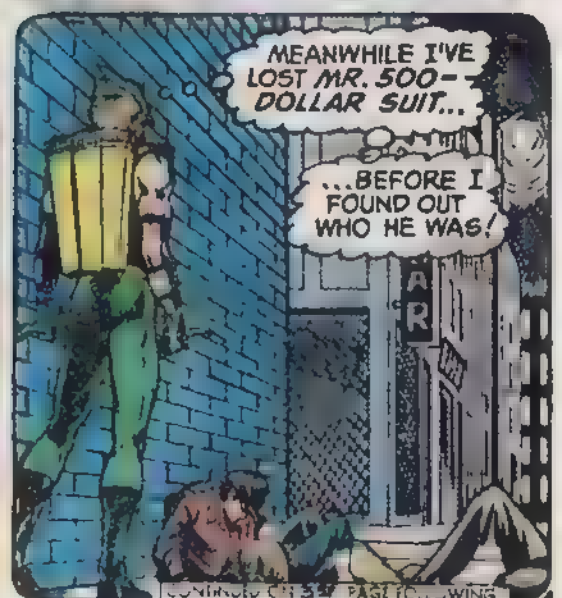
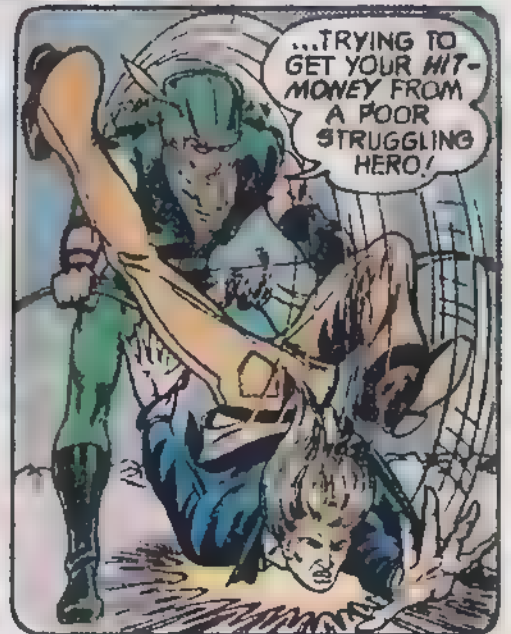
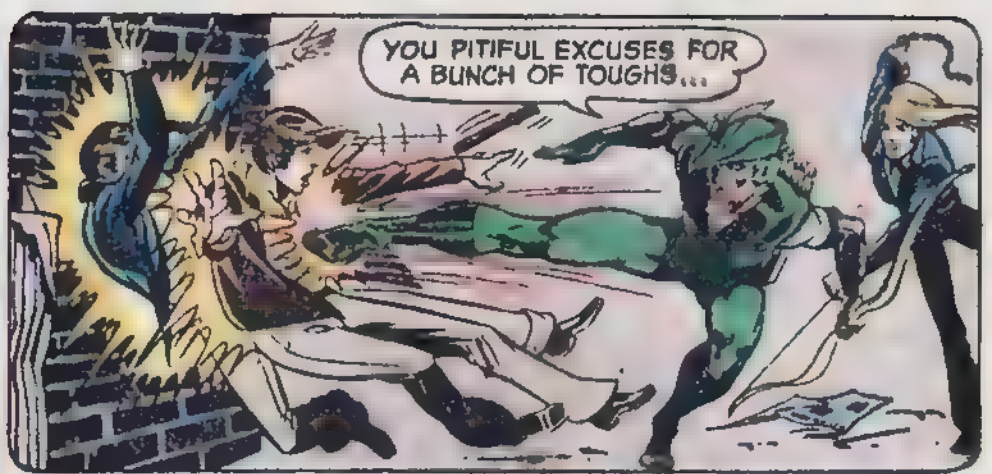


"BUT AS
I HIT THE
NARROW
LOT, A
BUNCH OF
SHADOWS
TURNED
INTO
PEOPLE
AND..."

WELL, LOOKIE
WHAT PLOPS
DOWN IN
OUR LAPS!

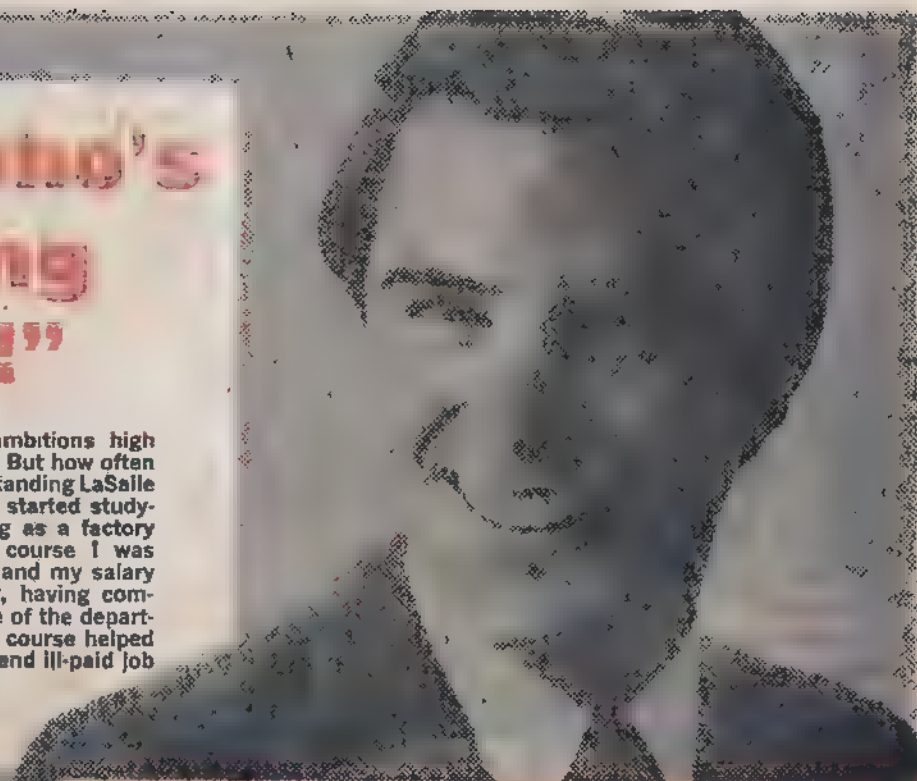
A GEN-U-INE
SUPER-HERO,
TIRED OUT
FROM THAT
JUMP, I BET!

HEY, HERO-MAN--
LET'S SEE WHAT
GOODIES YOU KEEP
IN THAT QUIVER!



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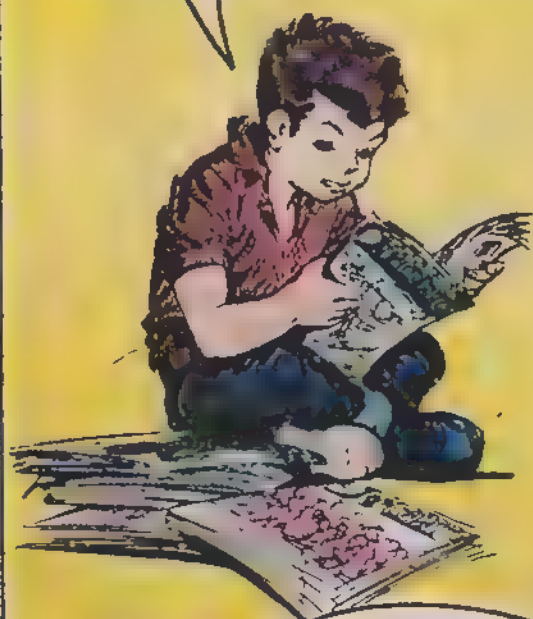
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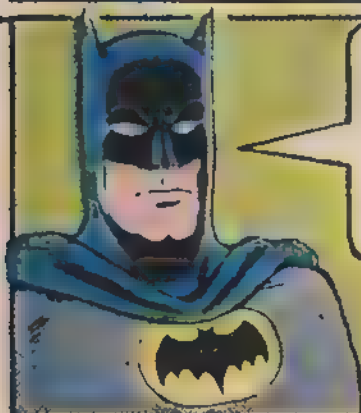
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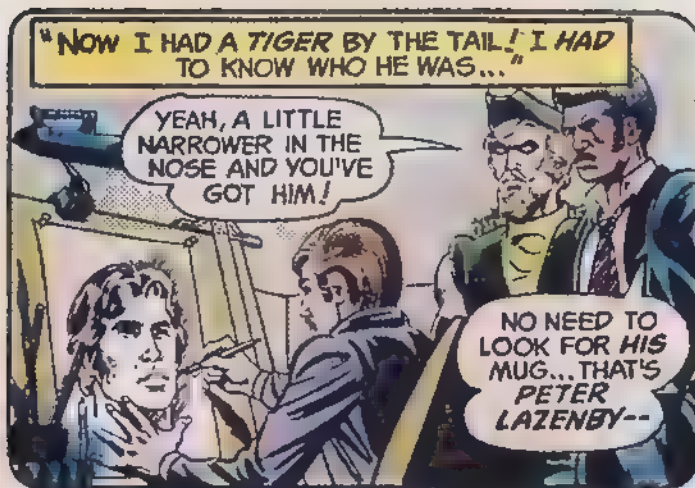
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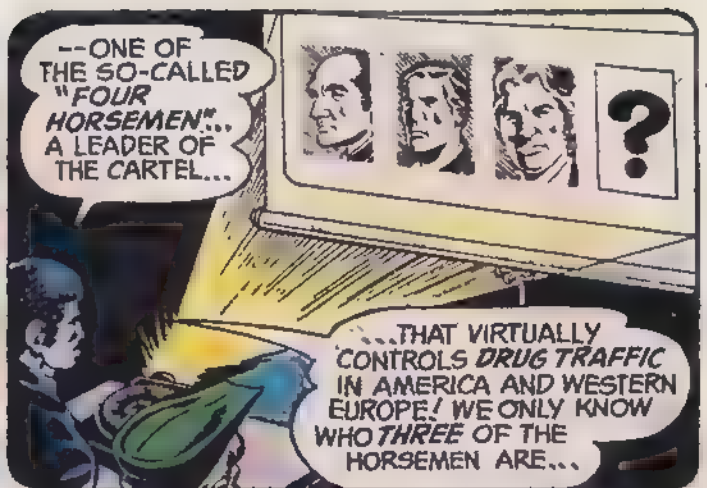
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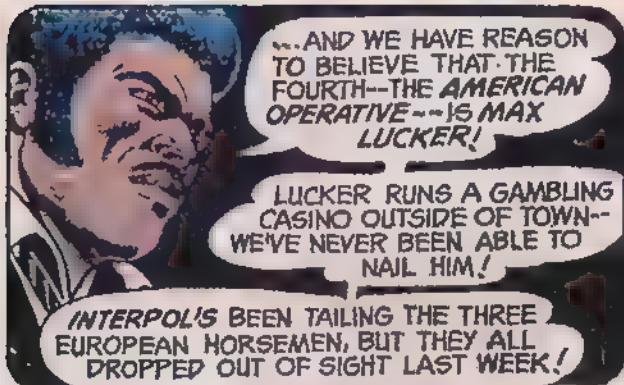
YEAH, A LITTLE NARROWER IN THE NOSE AND YOU'VE GOT HIM!

NO NEED TO LOOK FOR HIS MUG... THAT'S PETER LAZENBY--



--ONE OF THE SO-CALLED "FOUR HORSEMEN"... A LEADER OF THE CARTEL...

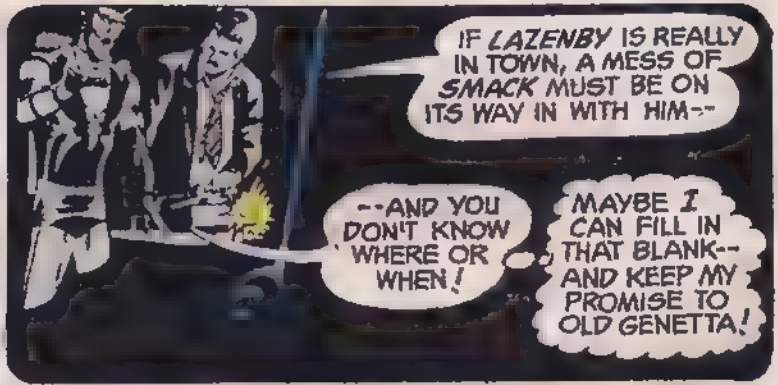
...THAT VIRTUALLY CONTROLS DRUG TRAFFIC IN AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE! WE ONLY KNOW WHO THREE OF THE HORSEMEN ARE...



...AND WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE FOURTH--THE AMERICAN OPERATIVE--IS MAX LUCKER!

LUCKER RUNS A GAMBLING CASINO OUTSIDE OF TOWN--WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO NAIL HIM!

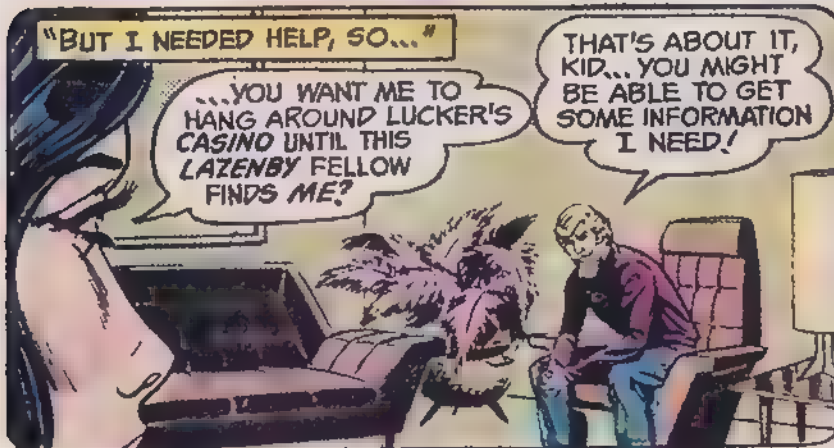
INTERPOL'S BEEN TAILING THE THREE EUROPEAN HORSEMEN, BUT THEY ALL DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT LAST WEEK!



IF LAZENBY IS REALLY IN TOWN, A MESS OF SMACK MUST BE ON ITS WAY IN WITH HIM--

--AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE OR WHEN!

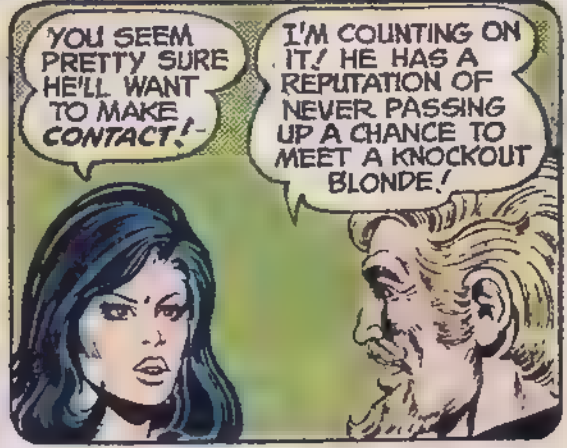
MAYBE I CAN FILL IN THAT BLANK--AND KEEP MY PROMISE TO OLD GENETTA!



"BUT I NEEDED HELP, SO..."

...YOU WANT ME TO HANG AROUND LUCKER'S CASINO UNTIL THIS LAZENBY FELLOW FINDS ME?

THAT'S ABOUT IT, KID... YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOME INFORMATION I NEED!



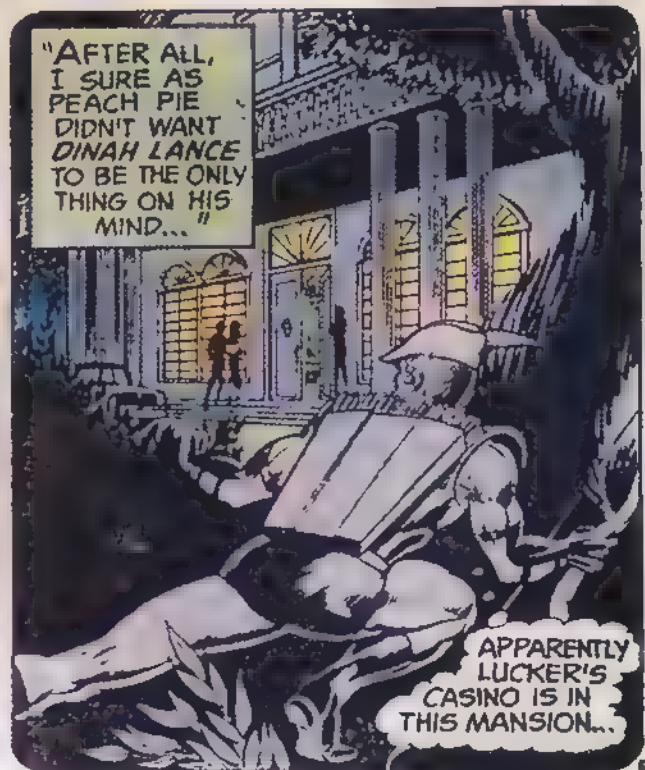
YOU SEEM PRETTY SURE HE'LL WANT TO MAKE CONTACT!-

I'M COUNTING ON IT! HE HAS A REPUTATION OF NEVER PASSING UP A CHANCE TO MEET A KNOCKOUT BLONDE!



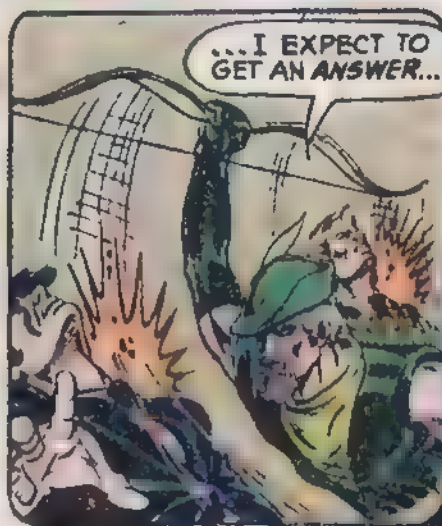
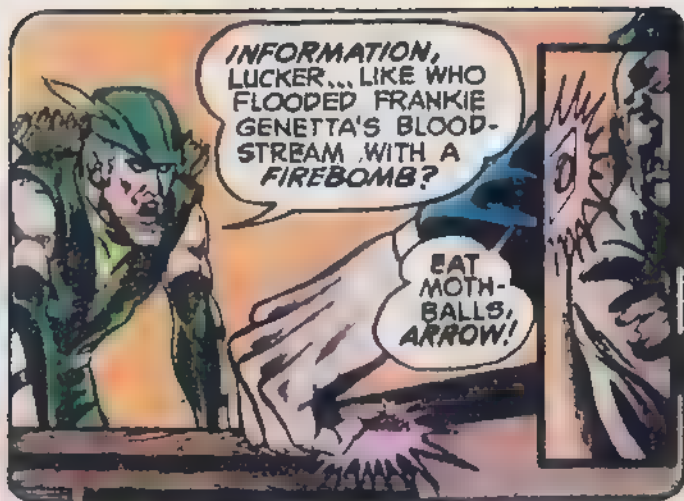
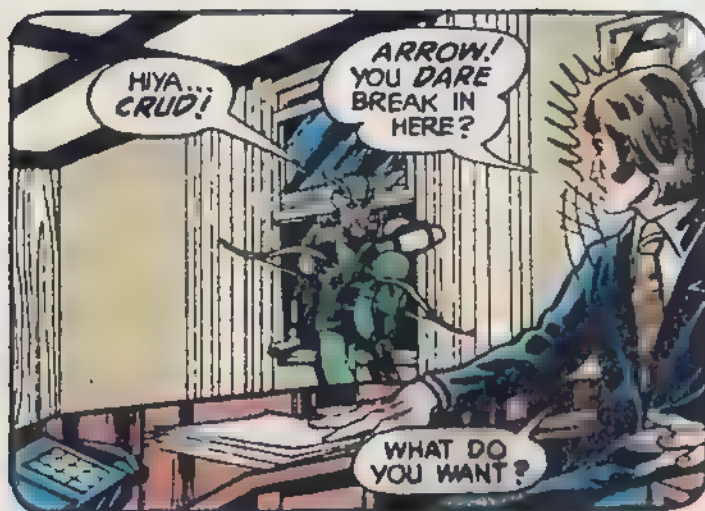
I SEE! AND WHERE WILL YOU BE WHEN I'M PLAYING MATA HARI?

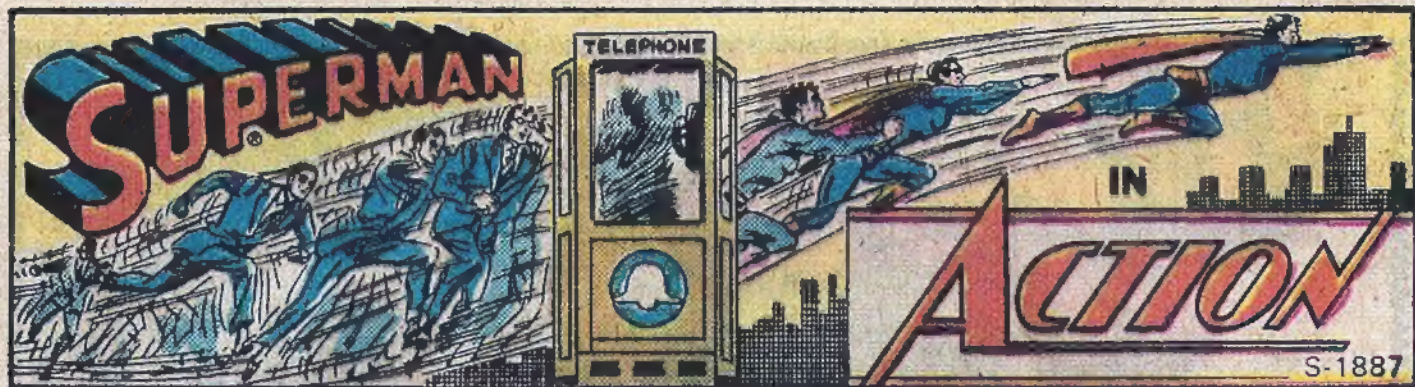
STIRRING UP TROUBLE--MAKING HIM WORRY...



"AFTER ALL, I SURE AS PEACH PIE DIDN'T WANT DINAH LANCE TO BE THE ONLY THING ON HIS MIND..."

APPARENTLY LUCKER'S CASINO IS IN THIS MANSION...





Dear Mr. B:

Give my congratulations to Mr. Nick Cardy! The cover of Action #440 was his best work yet! The fine detail in Jor-El and Lara's faces was excellent, and the wind effect was fantastical! Before this cover, I have always disliked Mr. Cardy's covers and wished a better artist would take over... but I may change my mind soon.

Elliot Maggin did a wonderful job on "The Man Who Betrayed Krypton," with two exceptions. I would have liked a better explanation of the "mind beam." And even if Superman threatened to take them out into space, no crook or group of crooks would ever say, "Thank you, kind Superman! How can I ever repay you?" It just isn't natural!

As for "Little Dog Lost," it was plainly Superman's Krypto. However, Mr. Maggin works in strange ways. But when the dog "looks for a flying man," "gets the scent of trouble," "is inspired to catch crooks by a rope," and "leaps across the room as if he could fly"—need I go on? If this dog isn't Krypto, I'll eat my Action collection—of three hundred and some issues of adventure!

Perry Wilson, Sonora, Ga.

(Save your appetite for real food. You were one of a great many fans who correctly identified the DOG OF STEEL. As for CORAM's thanks to SUPES, they WEREN'T natural. Finding himself in the MAN OF TOMORROW's power, the crook tried to play up to him—but couldn't make it sound convincing!—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

Action #440 was, I thought, indicative of most recent issues of Superman and Action. The reading is fairly enjoyable. The overall quality is good, but not great. There's nothing that causes me to either slump into a fit of depression or burst into a song of praise.

As usual, Elliot Maggin took two pretty weak plots and dragged them up with little added touches until they became two pretty good stories. While I wouldn't describe Elliot as brilliant, he is a very smooth and professional story-teller.

The other perpetrators, Swan and Oksner, consistently maintain a high standard of art, but I'd like to see a few more spectacular panels from them. The only real grabber in "The Man Who Betrayed Krypton" was page 5, panel 5. In defense of these artists, it's hard to get very spectacular when nearly

every page is broken down into 6 panels. Nor is this especially the writer's fault. In a 20-page, 2-feature comic, it seems something is always a little cramped.

One thing, however, that can't be overcome, even by small panels, is Mike Grell's art. In "Little Dog Lost," he came closer than anyone else has to the Neal Adams Green Arrow. Mike is one of the few people who can do a decent job on GA's beard. To close with a suggestion, I think you should let Mike ink Swan's pencils on a Superman story sometime.

Paul Emrath, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Right now, "Iron Mike" is pretty busy on other things, but who knows what may happen in the future?—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

That Maggin fellow of yours can turn out some ingenious plots at times; he certainly did with "The Man Who Betrayed Krypton!" I can heap praise on any subject, but Elliot did have a good theme—until the end.

Good points: Michael J. Coram. Terrific way of his employing geniuses to counter Superman.

Bruce Wayne owning 6 per cent of Galaxy Broadcasting. A logical point, established with a brief meeting of the heroes.

The encounter with "Jor-El" and "Lara." It's funny how Superman fears his father. Witness the other illusion in World's Finest #201, where a giant "Jor-el" scolded him. Also good was Superman's reasoning.

And now the moment you've been waiting for—the bad point at the end—the Action Ace's method of wrangling a confession from Coram and his cronies. In the early days, Superman had few scruples in getting a confession from a crook. He'd simply threaten to twist the guy into a pretzel if he refused. You've toned it down, but Superman still uses unlawful tactics at times. With Coram, he acted under his own jurisdiction. No matter how super it may be, it's still illegal. Of course, we could say Coram surrendered, pleaded temporary insanity, and let the case rest.

As for the Green Arrow story, I liked both the story and the art, but my dog enjoyed it more.

Clint "Buc" Thomas, Oak Hill, W. Va.

(I know. We printed BOLIVER's letter last issue. Why didn't he write this time?—E.N.B.)

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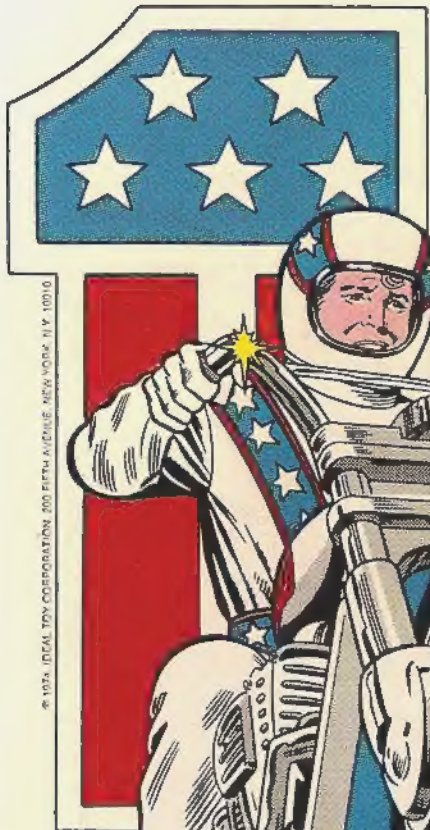
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